



Important Dates

NAPLAN Practice
Tuesday 25 February 2025

Shrove Tuesday
Tuesday 4 March 2025

**Port Sapsasa
Swimming Carnival
(selected students)**
Tuesday 4 March 2025

**Ash Wednesday
Liturgy - 9.30am**
Wednesday 5 March 2025

Pupil Free Day
Friday 7 March 2025

**Public Holiday -
Adelaide Cup**
Monday 10 March 2025

NAPLAN Testing
Wednesday 12 March 2025

NAPLAN Testing
Thursday 13 March 2025

**NAPLAN Catch Up
Day**
Friday 14 March 2025

NAPLAN Testing
Monday 17 March 2025

NAPLAN Testing
Tuesday 18 March 2025

**NAPLAN Catch Up
Day**
Wednesday 19 March 2025

Liturgy 9.30am
Friday 21 March 2025

Assembly 2.20pm
Friday 21 March 2025

**Port Sapsasa
Athletics Carnival -
Years 4 - 6**
Tuesday 25 March 2025

Harmony Day
Friday 28 March 2025

**Learning
Conversations this
week**
Monday 31 March 2025

**Catholic Schools
Swimming Carnival -
Years 3-6 (selected
students)**
Tuesday 1 April 2025

Assembly 2.20pm
Friday 4 April 2025

**Palm Sunday Prayer
Service 9.30am**
Monday 7 April 2025

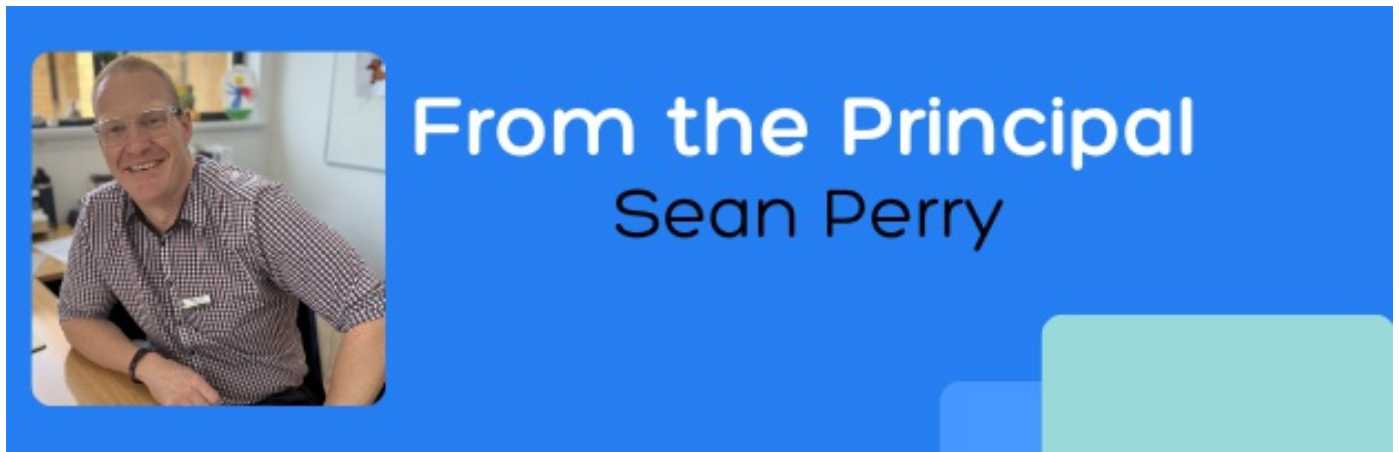
**Holy Thursday
Prayer Service
9.30am**
Tuesday 8 April 2025

**Good Friday Prayer
Service 9.30am**
Wednesday 9 April 2025

**Easter Prayer
Service 9.30am**
Thursday 10 April 2025

**Stations of the
Cross (Timetabled
event)**

**Last Day of Term 1
- 3.25pm finish**
Friday 11 April 2025



Weekly Newsletter

This week, we have been focusing on our core school values: Caring, Respecting, and Learning. These values are integral to our school community and guide our interactions and behaviours. We encourage all students to embody these values in their daily activities.

A key aspect of our values is the Golden Rule: "Treat others as you would like to be treated." This principle is fundamental in fostering a positive and respectful school environment. By practising the Golden Rule, students learn empathy, kindness, and the importance of mutual respect and inclusion.

Effective behaviour management is a collaborative effort between the school and parents. We believe that working together is essential in addressing and correcting behaviour errors. Open communication and consistent reinforcement of our values at home and school help create a supportive environment for our students.

We recently sent out a letter regarding our school values and behaviour expectations. We appreciate your support in reinforcing these values at home. Additionally, we are working on an Anti-Bullying and Harassment Procedure to ensure a safe and respectful environment for all students.

Road Safety Reminder

We would like to remind all parents and guardians of the importance of adhering to the signed road rules both around and on school property. Ensuring the safety of our students is a top priority, and your cooperation is essential. Over the past two weeks we have had a number of phone calls from parents and caregivers relating to parents who are parking in No Standing or No Parking zones which is impacting the flow of traffic during busy periods.

We are also reviewing the signage for the Church carpark. Remember, this is a **ONE-WAY** area, so please turn left as you enter the carpark – this too will ensure the carpark flows and also makes this a safer area for students as they are walking to and from school.

Please note that the front carpark (off Victoria Road) is reserved for **staff and deliveries only**. The gate will be closed from 8:30 AM to 3:45 PM for student safety.

Building Works Update

Our building works are progressing well. The courts are coming along nicely, and we are in the process of obtaining permission to move the OSHC (Out of School Hours Care) into St Francis Hall. The roofing project is also progressing well, with a focus now moving over the pre-school area.

OSHC Access Changes

The OSHC service will soon be relocating to the St Francis Hall. When this occurs, all children being dropped off or picked up from the OSHC service will need to use the Railway Terrace Carpark – this will result in a smooth transition to the service across the courts and

into the Western Door. Sue will notify families when this comes into full effect.

Save the Date: 2025 AGM

Please mark your calendars for our Annual General Meeting, which will be held on 26 March. We look forward to your participation.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Warm Regards

Sean



Sacramental Program

A sacramental program is a way to help children learn about their faith and prepare to receive sacraments. Sacraments are practices that symbolise faith and connect people with God.

Our 2025 sacramental program has started. This year we are blessed to be working alongside 23 candidates and their families. From OLV there are 5 candidates, with a possibility of it being raised to 8: they are Noah, Marissa, Jordan, Diego and Javier.

We ask our community to keep our sacramental candidates in your prayers - meaning actively remember and pray for all our candidates who are currently preparing to receive the sacraments: Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Eucharist (Holy Communion), asking God to guide them on their faith journey and bless them as they deepen their relationship with Him. Thank you.

Pilgrims of Hope – Staff Commissioning Mass

On Thursday 20th February, we celebrated our Staff Commissioning Mass with Fr. Joash presiding. The Mass was hosted by staff and our Year 6 Leaders and was a wonderful opportunity to bless and commission all staff for the 2025 school year. It's an annual event that takes place during Term 1 at OLV Church.

Its purpose:

- To bless all staff as they begin their year of teaching and learning
- To commission all staff for the school year

This annual Commissioning Mass is a special occasion for all staff. It is a way of acknowledging and celebrating the important work of educating students in our school. Fr. Joash blessed all staff, as did our School Leaders, Diego and Lotus, and staff pledged to be the best they can be.

Fr. Joash's blessing: *Loving God, You have called the staff at OLV to nurture young minds and hearts, to guide and inspire, to teach not only knowledge but also kindness, compassion, and faith. Bless them as they journey through this academic year. May Your wisdom guide their words, Your love shape their actions, and Your Spirit strengthen their calling. May they be reflections of Christ's light to their students and families. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Diego and Lotus's blessing (on behalf of all students): *God of love, Bless all staff with hope, love, and peace. Help them to see the goodness in each of us. Fill their hearts with wisdom, patience and love so that they may guide us to learn and grow in faith. We thank*

You for them and ask You to bless their work today and always. Amen.

Staff pledge: Lord God, You have entrusted us with the care and education of these young minds. With faith in Your guidance, we promise: To teach with wisdom, patience, and love, To nurture the gifts of each student entrusted to us, To inspire them to seek truth and to grow in faith, To lead by example, showing respect and care And to entrust our work each day to You, Knowing that in serving these children and their family, we serve You. Bless us in our mission as we walk in Your light. Amen.

I would personally like to thank all staff for their commitment and dedication to all who pass through our OLV gates. Our staff matter and they matter much. God Bless you all.

Shrove Tuesday

Good old PANCAKE Day is almost upon us. Are you able to assist, help cook, serve, tidy up? If you are a dab hand at BBQing, flipping pancakes and serving them to our community, then please get in touch, I would love to hear from you.

Every year we celebrate Shrove Tuesday, or as you may know it...Pancake Day! But what is the meaning behind this special day? How and why is it celebrated?

The tradition of making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday comes from families using up all ingredients in their cupboards so that they can start Lent the next day (Ash Wednesday). The ingredients - eggs, flour and milk - used to be very common things for Christians to give up for Lent. These days it's probably the toppings that we're likely to give up - such as chocolate, sugary toppings, ice-cream and or sweets!

Lent is a period of 40 days where Christians remember the events leading up to and including the death of Jesus Christ. Christians use Lent as a way of testing their willpower - often giving up things like chocolate, other sweet treats, spending money, eating carbs, etc, before Easter. Many around the world, do this as a sign of sacrifice, just as Jesus Christ did when he went into the desert to pray and fast for the 40 days then later dying on the cross for us.

A very exciting time awaits us as we venture into Lent (Week 6), then Easter.

Project Compassion

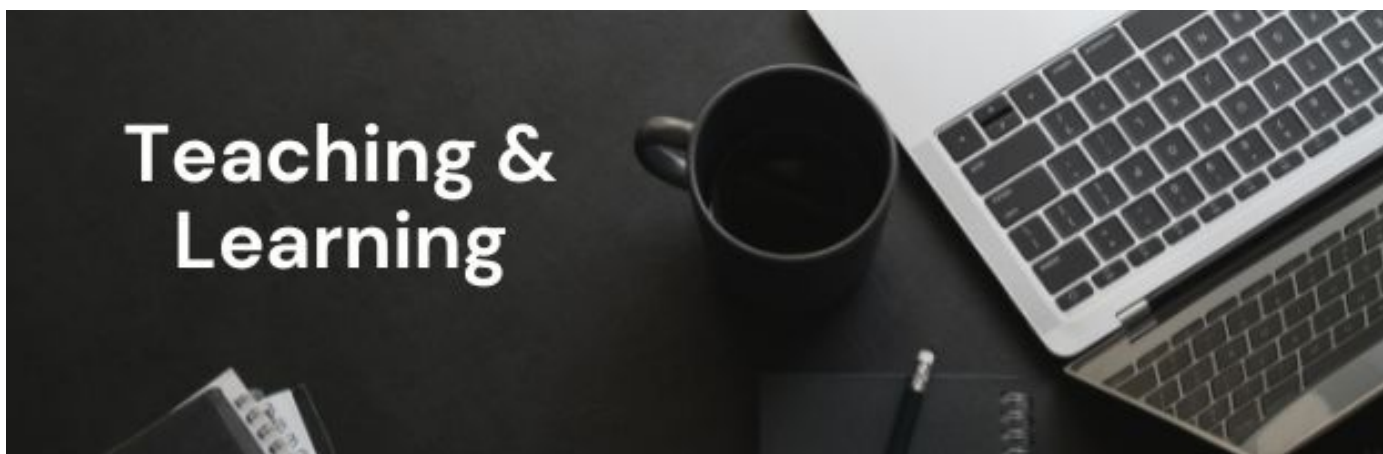
Each year, throughout Term 1, we raise funds for Project Compassion. The funds raised help Project Compassion continue their charity work around the world helping those who are less fortunate than us.

In the coming weeks, each student will receive and bring home a Project Compassion box. We would like you, if possible, to donate coins for this worthy cause and bring the box back to your child's teacher before the end of Term 1.

Our SRC class representatives will be asking students for ideas on how we could fund-raise as a whole school. Once the ideas are in and collated, they will discuss as a leadership team and then promote the fund-raising idea or ideas to all in our community.

The Bible emphasises that charity is a way to love others and to help those in need. It also says that charity is a basic belief of Christianity, and that it's a continuous effort to improve the lives of others. So, let's get together and help improve the lives of those in our community and further afield. Thanking you in advance.

Linda Caldinez



NAPLAN YEARS 3 and 5

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 and is the only nationwide assessment that all Australian children undertake.

Students will complete a national coordinated practice test on Tuesday, 27 February, in preparation for the testing window that begins on Wednesday, 13 March.

Please take some time to read the NAPLAN information brochure for parents which will be emailed with the Newsletter.



Maths in Year 1

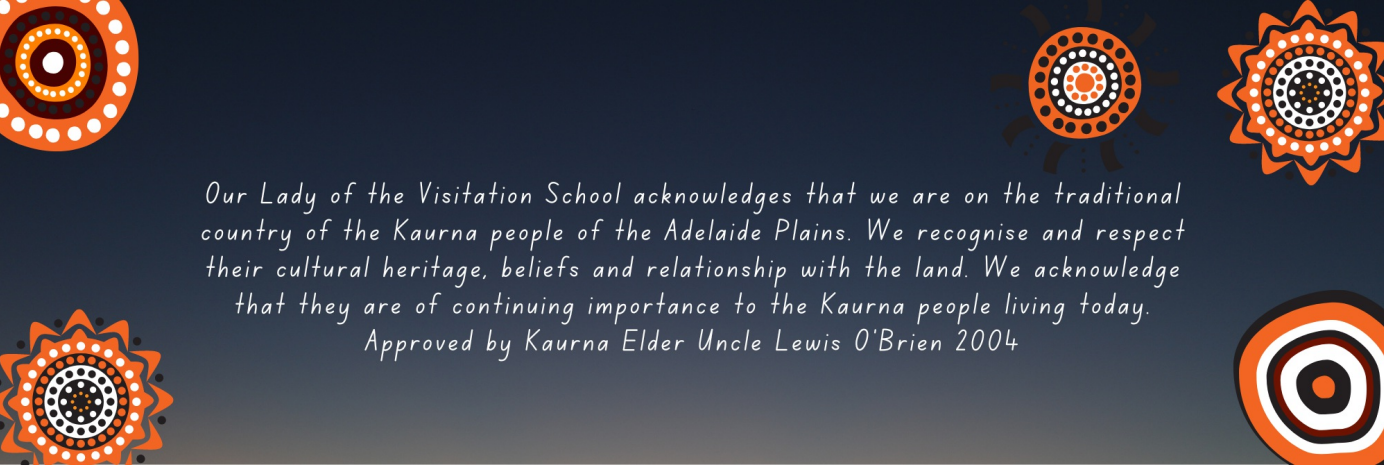
The Year Ones have been busy in Maths lessons exploring number and shape. We have been using a range of manipulatives to create patterns and shape pictures. We have been exploring the properties of shapes and sorting and classifying them. We have created patterns using different materials. We really enjoy hands on experiences in Maths as well as consolidating all our learning during our Daily Reviews which include counting backwards and forwards, subitising and recognising and writing numerals and their names.



STEM Incursion

This week our year 5s and 6s participated in the ReWild Your School Incursion, where a local ecologist taught us about wildlife and their habitats on the peninsula. They created bee hotels for Blue Banded Bees using clay and hollows made of tubes for Microbats. If you look closely, you might see some new habitats around our school. Our goal is to attract more native wildlife to the area and create more biodiversity.





*Our Lady of the Visitation School acknowledges that we are on the traditional country of the Kurna people of the Adelaide Plains. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kurna people living today.
Approved by Kurna Elder Uncle Lewis O'Brien 2004*

Student ABSENCES

Friendly reminder...

All student absences must be reported to the Front Office. Please contact us via phone or email and state the child's name and reason for the absence.

Contact Us

(08) 8440 9700

(08) 8416 7788
absent@olv.catholic.edu.au





Our Lady of the Visitation School Calendar								Term 1 2025							
	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat								
1	26/1 AUSTRALIA DAY	27/1 AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	28/1 Students return	29/1	30/1	31/1	1/2								
2	2/2	3/2	4/2 Parent Info Night 6.15pm-7.15pm (Yr 3-6) Welcome Assembly 10:30	5/2 Swimming Trials (Yr 4 - 6) Parent Info Night 6:15pm 7.15pm R-2	6/2 Beginning of Year Mass: 9.30am	7/2 Assembly 2.20	8/2								
3	9/2	10/2	11/2	12/2 Swimming Trials (Yr3-6)	13/2	14/2	15/2								
4	16/2	17/2	18/2	19/2 Yr 5/6 Incursion: Rewild your school	20/2 STAFF COMMISSIONING MASS: 9.30am	21/2 Assembly 2.20	22/2								
5	23/2	24/2	25/2 NAPLAN Practice Test	26/2	27/2	28/2	1/3								
6	2/3	3/3	4/3 SHROVE TUESDAY Port Sapsasa Swimming Carnival (selected students)	5/3 ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY: 9.30am	6/3	7/3 PUPIL FREE DAY STAFF PD	8/3								
7	9/3 LENT NAPLAN Yr 3-5	10/3 ADELAIDE CUP	11/3	12/3	13/3	14/3 OLV School Athletics Trials (Yr 4-6)	15/3								
8	16/3 LENT NAPLAN Yr 3-5	17/3	18/3	19/3	20/3 Parish Mass: Yr 5/6s attending	21/3 HARMONY DAY, ST JO & PAT LITURGY: 9.30am Assembly 2.20	22/3								
9	23/3 LENT	24/3	25/3 Port Sapsasa Athletics Carnival (Yr 4 - 6)	26/3	27/3	28/3 Harmony Day	29/3								
10	30/3 LENT	31/3 Learning Conversations	1/4 Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival (Yr 3 - 6) Learning Conversations	2/4 Learning Conversations (Late Night)	3/4 Learning Conversations	4/4 Assembly 2.20	5/4								
11	6/4 LENT	7/4 PALM SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE: 9.30AM	8/4 HOLY THURSDAY PRAYER SERVICE: 9.30AM	9/4 GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER SERVICE 9.30AM	10/4 EASTER PRAYER SERVICE 9.30AM	11/4 STATIONS OF THE CROSS (timetabled event) Last Day Term 1	13/24								



Pre-School - Year 6 Update

PUPIL FREE DAY

Week 6 , Friday 7th March 2025

**OHSC AVAILABLE
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**



PORTLAND

JUNIORS



GROWING TOGETHER

Portland Football Club is reimagining its junior program and welcoming players between the ages of 5 - 11 years

**PLAY FOOTY IN THE
HEART OF THE PORT**



SIGN UP INFO



Portland Football Club: 16 Baynes Place, Port Adelaide, South Australia 5015
Junior Coordinator: Tim Upton | 0404 443 002 | portlandfejuniors@gmail.com

LEFEVRE COMMUNITY PRECINCT

FREE OUTDOOR Movie Night

Saturday, 15th March



Space Jam 2

Movie @
8PM

84056908
541 Victoria Road
Osborne

Come Dressed as your Favourite Sports
or Looney Tunes Character!

no bookings required!

Free community activities from 4pm-7pm

Face Painting | Jumpy Castles | Soft PLayer Equipment | Multiball Interactive Screen

Come 'n' Try Sports: 3x3 basketball, Skateboarding, Roller Skating,

Bike Riding, AFL football, Table Tennis + much more

BBQ | Free Fruit Kebabs + Free popcorn + free bottled Water | Food Trucks & Drinks

PAE Lefevre
Community Stadium



This is a joint project between
the City of PAE & Preventive Health SA