



Important Dates

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

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)

Friday 11 April 2025

Last Day of Term 1 - 3.25pm finish

Friday 11 April 2025



From the Principal Sean Perry

Carparking Concerns and Safety Measures

We continue to face challenges with carparking during pick-up and drop-off times around the school. As responsible road users, we must adhere to all road and directional signs. The council has been contacted regarding the Railway Terrace parking situation and has been conducting regular visits. We are also consulting with Traffic Management Engineers to develop the safest possible carparking solution for our students and families, including a "kiss and go" zone. We kindly ask all road users to act responsibly and follow the guidelines to ensure everyone's safety.

Staff Development and High Impact Teaching Strategies

On Friday, our staff engaged with our CESA System Coach to explore high impact teaching and learning strategies. This session was an excellent introduction to the system's direction focused on High Impact Teaching and Learning which is being facilitated by TeachWell and is aimed at supporting students in developing skills across all learning areas.

Facilities Update

Over the weekend, we gained access to our resurfaced courts, which will be available for student use from today. The installation of backboards will be completed in the coming weeks, finalising this area. Additionally, the roofing works are nearing completion. We have also trimmed the trees surrounding the oval and tidied the yard. The playground is progressing well, and we hope to have it ready just before the start of Term 2 – we are hoping to induct students into this area prior to the end of the term so they are all aware as to how to use and access the space with care and respect.

NAPLAN Assessments

This week, our Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in the NAPLAN assessments. We remind all parents and carers that these assessments are a snapshot of learning in specific areas. It is important to remember that each child has unique strengths and talents. Whether your child excels in these assessments or not, please support and encourage them. Remind them that their worth is not defined by a number on a page, they are so much more than this.

Celebrate their individuality and reassure them of your unconditional love and support. Every child has the potential to achieve great things in life, regardless of a score.

School Leadership Badges

The school leadership badges have arrived, and we will be sending out the invitations to parents shortly to attend an assembly where these will be presented to the students in front of the school community.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Warm regards

Sean



Pilgrims of Hope – Project Compassion

Lent is a time of reflection, prayer, and generosity. As we journey together as Pilgrims of Hope, we are reminded of the importance of giving to those in need. One way we can do this is by supporting Project Compassion, an initiative by Caritas Australia that provides much-needed relief to vulnerable communities around the world.

Fundraising plays a vital role in ensuring that these life-changing programs continue. Every donation, no matter how small, helps provide food, clean water, education, and support to those facing hardship. By working together and giving all we can, we can make a real difference in the lives of others.

All students have now been issued a Project Compassion box, please, if it is at all possible, give what you can and ensure the box comes back to us before the end of Term 1. Thanking you all in advance.

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

As predicted in my last newsletter entry, 'a very exciting time awaits us as we venture into Lent (Week 6), then Easter' and oh my goodness, this week has been exciting indeed starting with delicious pancakes followed by an Ash Wednesday blessing. A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Wonderful Volunteers: without our amazing family volunteers: Sue, Julie, Emma, Carmen, Christine, Renee, Beth, Caitie and Hayley, Pancake Day and other special events would not be possible. Your generosity and dedication help create joyful moments for our students, turning smiles into grins! Your unwavering support means more than you realise, and we are truly grateful for the time and effort you give to our school community. Thank you for making a difference!

Celebrating Harmony, Inclusiveness, and Faith

Harmony Day is upon us, and we are excited to celebrate the inclusiveness and unity that this special day represents. Alongside Harmony Day, we also honour St. Patrick's Feast Day and St. Joseph's Feast Day—two saints who faithfully followed God. St. Patrick and St. Joseph were known for their patience, hard work, and inclusivity, reminding us that to live in harmony, we too must include others, be patient, and nurture our relationships.

To mark these celebrations, students are encouraged to wear orange (for Harmony Day), green (for St. Patrick), or brown (for St. Joseph) with a gold coin donation supporting a worthy cause – Project Compassion.

We also invite families to join us for the Year 1TB liturgy on Friday, 21st March, at 9:30 AM in the Veritas Centre. Let's come together as a community to celebrate faith, unity, and the spirit of inclusion.

Linda Caldinez
APRIM

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us



FROM THE CLASSROOMS



In Year 2, learning is an exciting adventure where students become hands-on explorers, creative thinkers, and problem solvers! Through fun experiments and activities, they work together as a team to observe, ask questions, and test their ideas. Whether it's building structures, carrying out science experiments, or solving puzzles, they're always engaged and eager to learn. As communicators, they share their discoveries and work collaboratively to solve challenges. Every day is filled with opportunities for creativity, curiosity, and teamwork, making learning both enjoyable and meaningful!



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
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



Movie @
8PM

84056908
541 Victoria Road
Osborne

Space Jam 2

Come Dressed as your Favourite Sports
or Looney Tunes Character!

no bookings required!

Free community activities from 4pm-7pm

Face Painting | Jumpy Castles | Soft PLAY 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



NORTH HAVEN FOOTBALL CLUB JUNIOR PROGRAM



WHERE JUNIOR FOOTY IS FUN AND INCLUSIVE - ALL PLAYERS WELCOME

Girls and boys between the ages of 7 and 18 and interested in playing Aussie Rules Football, join the North Haven Football Club in 2025!

- ✓ U7 TO 17.5 BOYS TEAMS
- ✓ U8 TO U16 GIRLS TEAMS
- ✓ AUSKICK IN TERM 2

Players of all skill levels are welcome including first year players!

Our home ground and trainings are held at Largs North Reserve, Victoria Road, Largs North. Matches are mostly played Sunday and some Friday evenings during winter.

JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS & CLUBROOM OPENING NIGHT

Celebrate with us from 4PM on 22nd March 2025 for the opening night of our newly renovated clubrooms! We'll also be setup for junior registrations.

For more information or to register:
www.northhavenfc.com.au/juniors

 Follow us @Northhavenjuniorfc

Payment plan options are available at registration, and SA Sports Voucher can be applied to season fees.

