



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Frank De Tullio

Easter Celebrations

As we embark on the Easter journey - a time of renewal and hope - let us think about how we can make changes in our own lives that will enable us to bring the joy and mercy of Christ's message to the world that surrounds us today.

At this time of year it is easy to get lost in chocolate, please keep the journey of Jesus as the central focus of this Holy time.

Parent/Teacher Conversations Week 10

Parent/Teacher Conversations will be taking place in the week after Easter. Information on how to book a time was sent earlier this week. In these meetings, teachers will share the goals they have written for each student in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Well-being. After reflecting on the experiences from these meetings held last year, the staff and I have decided that due to the different maturation levels of the students and their different capacity to participate in a meaningful way, that the following will apply:-

Reception/Year 1	Students do not attend
Year 2/3	Optional for students to attend
Year 4 – 6	Highly recommended that students attend

These meetings respond to the call of Catholic Education SA's learning statement:

To every child in a Catholic School,

We are committed to knowing you deeply.

We value you as a capable and competent learner and will support your active engagement in the learning process.

In partnership with you and your family we commit to high expectations for your learning progress, wellbeing and achievement.

You matter to us.

This is an opportunity for you to engage with your child's teacher in regard to their learning plan for your child. These learning plans are individualised and reflect the data/testing profile we have on each child, which will ensure that their learning needs will be met.

School Board AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the School Board for Our lady of the Visitation School was held recently. At this meeting the outcomes of the 2023 school year were reported. We also elected our School Board members for the 2024 / 2025 school years. I thank and congratulate the following people on their commitment to serving Our Lady of the Visitation School:

Renee Bennett

Catherine Blackmore
 Hannah Hill
 Olivia Rowlandson
 Beth Schell
 Tanya Smith
 Julie Reed (2024 only)

I am both appreciative and grateful to have such a positive and supportive group who always want the best for our children and our school. There is a lot to look forward to and exciting plans to share in the coming months.

The School Board will meet early next term to elect Office Bearers for 2024.

Parent Role in Student Conflicts

A reminder to all parents, that we strongly encourage you to speak to class teachers when an issue or concern arises that relates directly to something that has happened in the classroom/playground. Parents must never address the issue with another child, nor approach the parents of the other child/ren. The matter must be dealt with in the first instance, through the class teacher.

Sometimes, what has happened or been said in the classroom/playground is taken out of context or is exaggerated; or both sides of the issue are not presented. When such matters are discussed widely, when passing information from one party to another, the facts can often be distorted and inaccurate. If an incident occurs at school and has been dealt with at school, it should be left as a school issue and should not be discussed outside of the group of people it directly involves.

Parents are welcome to discuss an incident with the class teacher who has dealt with it, for further information or clarification. However, I reiterate, due to confidentiality, the matter should not be discussed with other parents in the school community. Parents may sometimes not agree with the way a staff member deals with a classroom/playground incident between two or more children. Just like, two different sets of parents may approach the same inappropriate behaviour differently — one may choose to ignore the incident, the other may choose to reprimand with some form of consequence — each teacher deals with inappropriate behaviour differently too; often based on the best information they have possession of at the time.

I encourage communication and a great deal of patience and understanding. I can't emphasise enough the importance of good parent-teacher communication — it is much easier to solve problems, to feel reassured and to be confident in what is happening in the classroom when there are open channels of communication between home and school.

Winter Uniform

The beginning of Term 2 is the designated change over to the Winter School Uniform. As the weather at the beginning of Term 2 is often still warm, there will be a two week change over period. Our school uniform policy has been inserted below for your information.

WINTER UNIFORM (WORN IN TERMS 2 & 3)

Girls Winter Uniform	Boys Winter Uniform
Pinafore or skirt (Rec - 6)	Navy blue trousers (no side pockets on legs)
Navy Blue Trousers	monogrammed long sleeve shirt
Monogrammed long sleeve shirt	Navy blue socks
Navy blue socks or Navy blue tights	Black school shoes
Black school shoes (no heels)	Jumper
Black/blue bike shorts above the knee (optional under dress)	Tie
Tie	

To purchase uniforms please follow the link :

<https://campusschoolwear.com.au/collections/our-lady-of-the-visitation>



Holy Week and Easter

Easter is the most important liturgical time for Catholics. It celebrates Jesus's victory of sin and death and salvation for mankind. It is God's greatest act of love to redeem us.

Easter Sunday is the holiest day of the year for Christians. It celebrates their belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus was the founder of the religion of Christianity.

Week 9

Monday 25/3 - Palm Sunday Prayer Service at 9.30am hosted by Yr1s

Tuesday 26/3 - 5/6LI at Mass 9.30am with Fr. Roderick (NOT whole school)

Wednesday 27/3 - Holy Thursday Prayer Service at 9.30am hosted by Yr3s – Veritas Centre

Thursday 28/3 - Good Friday Prayer Service at 9.30am hosted by Yr2s – Veritas Centre

Easter Eggs - Easter Eggs will not be given to students by staff. The empty egg represents the empty tomb – Jesus has risen – The Resurrection. If staff are to give Easter Eggs to student, this will happen in Week 10.

Friday 29/3 - NO SCHOOL

Week 10

Monday 1/4 - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 2/4 - Whole School Easter Mass 9.30am in Church hosted by 4/5JN

Family viewing - The Resurrection from the easter bunny's perspective! This is too cute not to view!!

Easter Bunny's Amazing Day <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mr3wBLI6mxQ>

Project Compassion Boxes

Due Week 10 - **Friday 5th April.**

God Bless

Mrs Caldinez



School & Preschool Fees 2024

Need to set up a payment plan?

A reminder to all families that school and preschool fees are due 5 April 2024, unless you have an existing payment arrangement. Quarterly fee balances are expected by week 6 of each term, with payment in full by 22 November 2024. If you have not already made your first instalment or entered a regular payment arrangement with us this year to pay weekly, fortnightly, monthly, or termly, please contact me to discuss your payment option by no later than Tuesday, 2nd of April.

Are you eligible for School Card in 2024?

The School Card Scheme is administered by the State Government and assists families who are low income, experiencing hardship, self-employed or had a change of circumstances.

The tables below list the income limits for applications lodged in 2024 – based on your family's gross income in 2022/2023.

To qualify for School Card, your family's gross income must be below a certain limit. The limit depends on how many dependent children you have.

You will need to provide proof of income – such as pay slips or Centrelink information.

[Eligibility income limits for school card:](#)

No of dependent children income for 22/2023	Combined gross family income limit	Gross weekly school card financial year
1 child	\$70,994	\$1,365
2 children	\$72,262	\$1,390
3 children	\$73,530	\$1,414
4 children	\$74,798	\$1,439
5 children	\$76,066	\$1,463
Each additional child	\$1,268	\$25

Families who are eligible for School Card or believe they may be eligible are asked to apply online by using the following link:

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

Please note, an application must be completed each year and applies to school fees only.

If you have any questions regarding school or preschool fees, school card, or to set up a payment plan, please contact the office on 8440 9700 or email accounts@olv.catholic.edu.au

Family Details & Student Information

It is really important to have at all times the correct information for all students. If you have recently moved address, changed your phone numbers and/or your email address, could you please make sure that the office is made aware of the changes.

Emergency contacts other than Parents - You may like to add one or two more names to your records as an Emergency Contact (e.g. Grandparent, Aunt/Uncle, older Brother or Sister or even a close friend), that way if there is ever an issue and we are unable to contact either parent in an emergency then we would have another one or two people to contact.

Medication & Medical Details

Does your child have any medical issues that we are unaware of? If so please let us know as a matter of urgency so that we can update our records.

If you would like us to administer medication to your child during the day, please make sure that a Medication Authority form is completed. Medication of any sort needs to be in the original packaging with the Chemist Label showing the child's name, medication dosage, expiry date etc.

We also ask that if your child is to have 1/2 a tablet etc. then the medication needs to be pre-cut before being given to the office.

No medication is to be given to the students to keep in their school bag. All medication will need to be handed into the office and a Medication Authority signed by a Parent or Caregiver.

Epi Pens & Asthma Puffers & Medical Plans

We are in the process of making sure all medication held onsite is within the expiry date, is in the correct packaging with child's name etc and that all Medical Plans are up to date. We will contact parents if anything needs updating and would appreciate a prompt response.

Lunch Orders

A few reminders regarding lunch orders:-

- Lunch orders are ordered and paid for via the QkR! app. This needs to be completed by 9.00am.
- Please make sure that your child's correct class has been selected, otherwise the lunch will be sent to the wrong class.
- Before submitting the order make sure that you have selected the correct day that the child is to receive it.

- Once you have completed the order, don't forget to press submit.

Thank you.

Qkr Users

The Android Phone issue has now been resolved, parents/users can now download the App from the Google Play Store.

Apologies for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

Regards

The Qkr Team

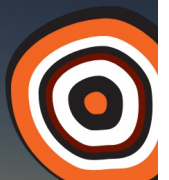


Science in the Veritas Centre

In Science this semester, the students in the Veritas Centre are learning about Magnetic Forces (Year 4) and Light Magic (Years 5/6).

Over the past few weeks, they have looked at attraction and repelling of objects to magnets and used a light source, such as a torch, to test objects to see if they are opaque, translucent, or transparent.

They seem to be loving the hands-on aspect of these lessons.



*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'Brian 2004*

IMPORTANT DATES

T1 Week 9

Friday
29th March

Good Friday

T1 Week 10

Monday
1st April

Easter Monday

Wednesday
3rd April

Catholic Schools
Swimming Carnival
12pm - 4pm
(selected students)

Thursday
4th April

Port SAPSASA
Athletics Carnival
9am - 3pm
(selected students)

Friday
5th April

Assembly 2.20pm
2LB

T2 Week 11

Tuesday
9th April

SAPSASA Swimming
State Day
9am - 4pm
(selected students)

Friday
12th April

LAST DAY TERM 1
3.25PM FINISH

MASSES & LITURGIES

Palm Sunday Liturgy - 9.30am

Monday 25th March - 1TB & 1JI

Holy Thursday Liturgy - 9.30am

Wednesday 27th March - 3KG & 3NJ

Good Friday Liturgy - 9.30am

Thursday 28th March - 2LB & 2EH

Easter Mass - 9.30am

Tuesday 3rd April - 4/5JN



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





EASTER RENEWAL

Sometimes it is hard to be a carer,
especially when there is no respite.

RETREAT DAY FOR CARERS

6 APRIL 2024

Come away for a retreat day from 10:00am to 4:00pm.
A simple lunch will be provided for the first 20 to register.
(If you have a special diet, please bring your own lunch.)

Know the power of God working in you.

Enjoy the company of other carers.

Share your story (only if you want to).

Retreat Leaders: Fr Roderick O'Brien and Sr Marie Egan rsj
Lefevre Catholic Community Parish Meeting Rooms
and Sacred Heart Catholic Church
253 Military Road, Semaphore

Come for the whole day, or just part of the day, as you choose.
Sadly, we cannot provide care for your special person during this
retreat.

REGISTRATION and ENQUIRIES to Fr Roderick O'Brien 8449 6378
Registration is only needed if you would like the parish to
provide your lunch.



JUNIOR COME & TRY

Port Adelaide District Hockey Club welcomes all junior players for the 2024 season. We have teams for players of all ages and abilities.

PADHC is a proud community sporting club with a proven history of success. We take pride in supporting our juniors, helping them develop new skills in a fun, family-oriented environment.

Join us for the first training of 2024:

Thursday 14 March

4:30pm – 6pm

PADHC, Swan Terrace, Ethelton

For questions or expressions of interest, please send PADHC a message on Facebook or contact social@padhc.com.au.

