

Important Dates

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

Car Parking

On Thursday, we had Traffic Engineers onsite to assess the needs of our school and explore ways to configure our carparks to enhance safety for the children. We are aware of the ongoing issues that car parking is causing and are actively working to rectify this. As parents and responsible drivers, we all play a part in ensuring the safety of all children in these spaces.

Entering/Exiting the School Yard

If you are entering or exiting the school yard during school hours or at the end of the day to collect children, please ensure the gates are closed behind you. This simple action helps maintain a safe environment for all children.

NAPLAN

Over the past two weeks, our Year 3 and Year 5 students have been participating in the NAPLAN assessments. The students approached these tests with great diligence and effort, which is all anyone can ask for. NAPLAN assessments assist both government bodies and schools in structuring curriculum to continue meeting the needs of students.

AGM

On Wednesday, March 26, we will be hosting our 2024 Annual General Meeting. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP at info@olv.catholic.edu.au. Additionally, if you are interested in joining our school board, nominations are now open and can be submitted [here](#).

Building Works Update

As you may be aware, the courts at OLV have been reopened and are being well-utilised. The new backboards should be installed in the very near future. The re-roofing project is also nearing completion, which will be a great relief to many students and staff. We have also had several students assist in building the new soccer goals that arrived recently, and these are now in use on the school oval. The playground will have a soft opening in the coming weeks, where staff will introduce students to this space while the landscaping takes place. It will be fully open in Term 2.

Student Leadership

Finally, it was an absolute privilege to present our student leaders and SRC students with their badges today. This is a great honor and enables us as a school to incorporate student voice and agency in what we do at OLV. Congratulations to all students who presented to their classes and were nominated by their peers.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community!

Parent/Teacher Conversations

Parent/Teacher Conversations will be held in the Week beginning Monday 31st March. An email will be sent home today with instructions on how to make an interview time to meet with your child's teacher. Bookings will be open from 4.00pm today and will close at 4.00pm Thursday 27th March.

Regards
Sean



Pilgrims of Hope – Project Compassion

Lam, a young man from rural Vietnam with a passion for graphic design, faced limited career prospects due to his disability. Without access to any employment opportunities, he stayed home with his parents. However, with support from the I-SHINE program he was able to pursue IT training and now runs a successful graphic design business.

The I-SHINE program, in the context of Caritas Australia and Catholic Relief Services (CRS), focuses on improving the social, healthcare, education, and livelihood inclusion of people with disabilities, particularly children, youth, and women, in Vietnam. A program of which, without donations of financial support, would simply cease to exist.

A gentle reminder about the Caritas - Project Compassion boxes which were sent home 2 weeks ago. If you have placed donations into your box, please ensure it comes back to school either to your child/ren's classroom teacher or the office. If you haven't, there's still time. Thanking you in advance.

Thank you as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

Luke 9: 28-36 – 2nd Sunday of Lent – 16th March 2025 – A journey of HOPE and CONVERSION

Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a mountain to pray. While there, Jesus was transformed, shining brightly, and Moses and Elijah appeared, talking about Jesus' future death and glory. The disciples were scared but Jesus reassured them, then they went back down the mountain. Here's a more detailed explanation:

A Special Trip: Jesus took his best friends, Peter, James, and John, up a big mountain to pray. **A Shining Moment:** Jesus started to shine like the sun, and his clothes became super bright! **Old Friends Visit:** Suddenly, two important people from long ago, Moses and Elijah, appeared! They talked about how Jesus would die and then be even more amazing. **Peter's Idea:** Peter was so excited, he wanted to build tents for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah to stay in! **Jesus Reassures:** Jesus told his friends not to worry and they went back down the mountain. **A Secret:** Jesus told them not to tell anyone about this special moment until it happened.

What this means for us: This story shows us that Jesus is amazing and powerful, even though he looked like an everyday person. It reminds us that even when things are hard, we can trust Jesus and his plan for us. We can all be transformed by Jesus' love and faith in him by following in his footsteps.

Lent calls us to conversion. First, we reflect on our journey of faith. Like the Israelites in the desert, we are pilgrims, called to leave behind sin and move toward God. Let us ask ourselves: Are we growing in faith? This season of Lent is an opportunity to step forward in trust, drawing closer to Christ.

Second, we journey together. Faith is not a solitary path but a communal pilgrimage. We are called to walk in unity, showing love, patience, and kindness.

Finally, we journey in hope. Christ's resurrection assures us that God's promise is unshakable. Hope sustains us, even in trials, and calls us to live with justice and compassion. This Lent, let us turn to the sacraments, deepen our prayer life, and support Project Compassion, sharing what we have.

Linda Caldinez

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MEANING OF THE LOGO

of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

DICASTERY FOR EVANGELIZATION
SECTION FOR FUNDAMENTAL
QUESTIONS REGARDING
EVANGELIZATION IN THE WORLD

The cross of Christ is the hope that cannot ever be abandoned because we are always in need of it, especially in the most difficult moments.

The figures represent humanity from the four corners of the World. They are embracing each other to illustrate the solidarity between the peoples, as the first holds onto the cross.



The Cross, in the shape of a sail, is transformed into an anchor that imposes itself over the waves in motion. A universal symbol of Hope.

The rough sea is a reminder of the difficulties of the pilgrimage of life. Often, personal events as well as those of the world, press on us more intensely, demanding a greater hope.

FROM THE CLASSROOMS



This term in Year 3 we have focused our Visual Art unit on the Art elements such as colour, shape, pattern, line, form, tone and value. We have explored these elements through various activities and experimented using different materials. One example included creating a 3D pyramid to display our four favourite Art elements. This connects with our upcoming excursion to the Botanical Gardens where we will have the opportunity to identify these elements of Art in nature. We will apply these elements to our final Art assessment which is a landscape of a natural scenery. Our excursion also links with HASS and Science curriculum areas. In Hass we have been exploring

places and understanding how they are similar and different. In Science we have been focusing on identifying differences between living and non-living things.

For the past two weeks Year 3 students have been involved in NAPLAN testing. We have practiced many different concepts and revised areas in Numeracy and Literacy. Well done to the Year 3 students on their hard work and efforts throughout this period.



*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

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



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

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

