



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Frank De Tullio

Mother's Day

This Sunday we celebrate Mother's Day. A special day to highlight the central roles our Mother's play in our lives. We also celebrate all the other women in our lives such as grandmothers, stepmothers, aunts, cousins, teachers and special friends who have helped to shape and form us into the person we are today.

I would like to especially thank the Reception classes, Ms Willson, Ms Clbich and Ms Jensen and Mrs Caldinez for coordinating our beautiful prayer service today and our morning tea.

We pray to our Mother Mary to bless all the mothers of Our Lady of the Visitation School community.

May Mary bless you all, inspiring and energising you by her gentle example of love and perseverance. May she guide you each day as you care and guide your child/ren to grow and flourish.

I wish all our mothers a happy and joyous Mother's Day and trust that you will have a great time celebrating with your family. For those of you who can't be with your Mum this Sunday, give thanks for all she has done for you, call her, send a text, or recognise her in a way that is meaningful to you and your loved ones.

Fr Roderick Retirement

Vicar General Dean Marin has announced the model that will be adopted on Fr Roderick's retirement (May 20 - his 75th birthday). Fr Roderick will not be replaced by a priest. Deacon Tim Grauel will become the Pastoral Director of the Lefevre Catholic Community, and Vicar General Dean Marin will be the Priest Moderator.

Deacon Tim Grauel is not on the pathway to becoming a priest. He is a married person with a wife and family. He does a lot of work for the Archdiocese and will work in the parish 2 days per week. He will continue to live in Hallet Cove. We are not sure which days he will work in our parish.

As a Deacon he can not "say" masses. Vicar General Dean Marin assured the gathering that he will try his utmost to ensure there is a parish mass for our school and the parish on weekends.

School Soccer

This term marks the commencement of the School Soccer Season. This year we have the highest number of children playing soccer in the history of our school. I would like to thank John Merrett for coordinating these programs. I would also like to thank all our coaches for accepting this great responsibility with our children. Coaches and parents are pivotal in helping with children's participation in sport and physical activity which of course

is fundamental to their health and development.

I ask all parents and spectators to be supportive of our coaches and children at all times. Anyone with any involvement in sport has seen "the ugly parent" - the ones who adopt an aggressive, overbearing, or pushy approach to their child's involvement. It doesn't go down well with anyone particularly the ugly parent's child. The basic premise of all physical activity for anyone; adult or child, is to "have fun".

Winter Uniform

The beginning of Term 2 is the designated change over to the Winter School Uniform. There is a two week change over period – but given the unseasonal warm weather this will be extended by a week.

I urge parents this weekend to ensure that names are on all tops, jackets & hats. It is cool in the morning, but as the days warm up, the children take items off and can not remember where they dropped them. Any items with a name will be returned to the owner.

Hats – are still worn in May for PE Lessons and play times. Students not wearing a hat at play will be asked to sit under a verandah. We do not wear hats in June, July & August.



Dearest All,

Welcome back to what is proving to be another busy Term.

Mother's Day is already upon us, a very special day for all the beautiful women in our lives. Mother's Day dates back to the early Greeks, but the more recent origin of Mother's Day was introduced by a woman named Anna Jarvis starting a campaign for an official holiday honoring mothers in 1905, the year her own mother died. Anna Jarvis put Mother's Day on the calendar as a day dedicated to expressing love and gratitude to mothers, acknowledging the sacrifices women make for their children. Then Anna Jarvis teamed up with florists while she was lobbying to get the holiday recognised, even recommending a white carnation as the symbolic flower of Mother's Day.

Mothers, and other influential women, fill so many roles in our lives. They are often our first teachers, our first role models, and our first friends. They are the person we turn to when we've had a bad day and just need a hug. They're the ones we call up on the phone or turn to and ask for advice. And they're the same ones we occasionally roll our eyes at when we don't like 'said' advice! So, while we should be showing love to all women, especially our mother figures, all year round, it's absolutely beautiful that we have one day set aside to celebrate them.

That said, from one mum to another, I would like to personally wish all the beautiful women out there among our community, and beyond, a very special Mothering Sunday. Take the time to be with your loved ones, allow them to acknowledge all that you do for others and spoil you in the very way you deserve.

Dear God,

Bless all who 'mother' and bring new life in any way, these 'mothers' who teach and guide, who encourage and heal.

Invite them to the table of your eternal feast, these 'mothers' who feed and nurture the life that has been entrusted to them.

Embrace them warmly in your love, these 'mothers' who embrace with affection those who are helpless and dependent.

Bless them today with all good things: with health, with laughter, with joy and with love, with pride in their 'children' and the support of many friends.

May all 'mothers' who have nurtured life in others be themselves nurtured one day in your strong embrace, there, for all eternity, to rejoice with their families and friends.

Amen.

Have a wonderful weekend.

God Bless.

Linda



Firstly, let us wish all mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures a happy happy day for this Sunday. May those little rays of sunshine – your children – bring you great joy for the day, and for every other day of the year too! Thank you to all who were able to attend our liturgy this morning (Friday 10th May), it was a wonderful way to celebrate as a community.

We are so proud of the way all our Reception students conducted themselves, and their reading - how far have they come? A special thank you to our 3 older students, Sophie (Yr2), Leah (Yr4/5) and Matilda (Yr5/6) for reading our reflection poem, A Child's Angel, simply beautiful.

Thank you to all our helpers for coordinating the liturgy and the morning tea this morning. And finally, to you, our families, thank you. Thank you for being you, thank you for all you do and thank you for your support.....know you matter and matter much.

Happy Mother's Day

Reception Teachers



ENVIRO CLUB NEWS



STEM - Bee Hotels

Year 1s and 2s

Last term in STEM, Year 1 and 2 students learnt about Australia's most important pollinators: bees! We learnt that bees are an important part of our ecosystem and without them there would be a food shortage. Then we brainstormed how we can conserve our ecosystem by protecting the bees.

Our students' design solution was to build bee hotels, where bees can curl up inside the paper straws (we also learnt that bees like to be snug) and lay their eggs inside. That way bees are always reproducing in a safe environment.





Port Sapsasa Athletics Carnival Results

Since the Year 1987, OLV has now won the Division 2 Small Schools trophy 7 times:-
1995, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2024.

OLV has won the Division 3 trophy 2 times:-
2020 & 2023

This year's results in Division 2:-

1st	Our Lady of the Visitation	67
2nd	North Haven	60
3rd	St. Patricks Mansfield Park	28
4th	LeFevre Peninsula	21
5th	Oceanview College	19

A special thank you, to Kayla Kersten, Caroline Jiraneck and Janet Allen for supervising and marshalling the students. Much appreciated!
I am looking forward to competing at our next **Catholic Schools Track and Field Carnival**, on **Monday 4th November 2024**. Section 6 at **SA Athletics Stadium**, 145 Railway Terrace, Mile End. The students will be competing in the age groups - Year's 3,4,5 & 6 for that carnival.

Below are the children who were successful in receiving points for our school.

FIRST	
Under 11 Girls Relay	Marites M, Piper K, Yar K, Jasmine W
Under 10 Girls Relay	Maddison B, Aaliyah K, Mackenzie S, Alaya A
SECOND	
Maddison B	800m, 1500m
Sullivan B	Discus
Ollie S	High Jump
Marites M	100m, 200m, Long Jump
Lachlan J	Discus
Isobel C	High Jump
Under 12 Girls Relay	Matilda R, Hannah G, Hailey A, Scarlett R
Under 11 Boys Relay	Zavier R, Lachlan J, Jackson H, Sculley C
THIRD	
Hugo Y	1500m
Sullivan B	Long Jump
Maddison B	Long Jump
Yar K	100m, High Jump

Scarlett R Bailey B	800m Long Jump
FOURTH	
Sullivan B	Shot Put
Aaliyah K	200m, High Jump
Piper K	Shot Put
Under 12 Boys Relay	Bailey B, Parker S, Titan R, Jackson W

The following OLV students will be representing Port Sapsasa at a **School Sport SA State Day Track and Field Carnival** at SA Athletics Stadium, Mile End. This carnival will be on Tuesday 17th September 2024.

Yar K Relay
Marites M 200m, Relay

Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival News

Our Lady of the Visitation School performed really well at the recent Section 6 Catholic Schools Swimming Championships.

Overall Placing Points Age Champion Schools Individual Champions

1st - Rosary	242	Year 3 - Murray Bridge	Year 3 - Amelia - Murray Bridge
2nd OLV	230	Year 4- Rosary	Year 4 - Thomas - Rosary
3rd Holy Family	109	Year 5 - OLV	Year 5 - Szymon D - OLV
4th Emmaus	90	Year 6 - OLV	Year 6 - Max - Emmaus
5th Murray Bridge	83		
6th St Monica's	82		
7th Mt Carmel	77		
8th Albert Park	59		

Catholic Schools Swimming Champion Shield

Since 1972 the school has now won the Swimming Champion Shield 9 times:-
1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1995, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2022

The following student needs to be congratulated on being named as school captains:-
Parker S, Scarlett R & Leah S.

Congratulations also to the Year 5's & Year 6's who were named the Age Champion School.

Below are the children who were successful in receiving ribbons.

FIRST	
Szymon D	Freestyle, Relay, Medley Relay
Charlotte C	Backstroke, Relay, Medley Relay
Miller S	Freestyle
Abigail H	Breastroke
Lachlan J	Breastroke, Relay
Lotus B	Relay
Scarlett R	Medley, Relay
Leah S	Medley, Relay
SECOND	
Flynn R	Freestyle, Backstroke, Relay
Leah S	Freestyle, Breastroke, Relay
Szymon D	Backstroke, Breastroke
Alayah A	Backstroke, Relay
Miller S	Breastroke, Relay

Lotus B	Freestyle, Backstroke
Lachlan J	Freestyle
Angus M	Backstroke
Charlotte C	Breastroke
Hugo Y	Relay
Elise O	Relay
Scarlett R	Relay
Titan R	Relay
THIRD	
Hugo Y	Freestyle, Backstroke
Marley S	Backstroke, Breastroke
Elise O	Freestyle
Scarlett R	Backstroke
Jasmine W	Backstroke
FOURTH	
Scarlett R	Freestyle, Backstroke, Breastroke
Abigail H	Freestyle, Backstroke
Marley S	Freestyle
Leah S	Backstroke

A special thank you to the parents for taking the children to training at the Largs Bay Swim Centre. Keep up the training over the winter if you can, as we are still in Section 6 next year.

Port Sapsasa Swimming Champion School Results 2024

The following are the results of the Port Sapsasa Swimming Carnival held at Largs Bay Swim Centre.

1st	Semaphore Dominican	55 pts
2nd	Largs Bay	37 pts
3rd	Oceanview	26 pts
4th	OLV	24 pts
5th	West Lakes Shore	23 pts
6th	LeFevre Peninsula	18 pts
= 6th	Queen of Peace	18 pts
8th	Mount Carmel College	16 pts
9th	Westport	14 pts
10th	Portside	13 pts
11th	Ngutu College	10 pts
12th	North Haven	3 pts

It was a great carnival! 114 students! 30 staff & officials! 12 schools!
67 Individual Heat Races!! Then Relay Scramble!!!! Multiclass!!

A huge thankyou to Debbie Sarunic for her work with program, individual cards, and many changes to ensure another successful carnival! Debbie has been organising the Port Sapsasa Swimming Carnival for the last 16 years!! Huge effort for a volunteer!!

OLV have won the Champion Schools Trophy nine times since 1983. (1995, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)

Below are the children who were successful in scoring points for our school.

SECOND	
Hugo Y	Backstroke
Charlotte C	Backstroke

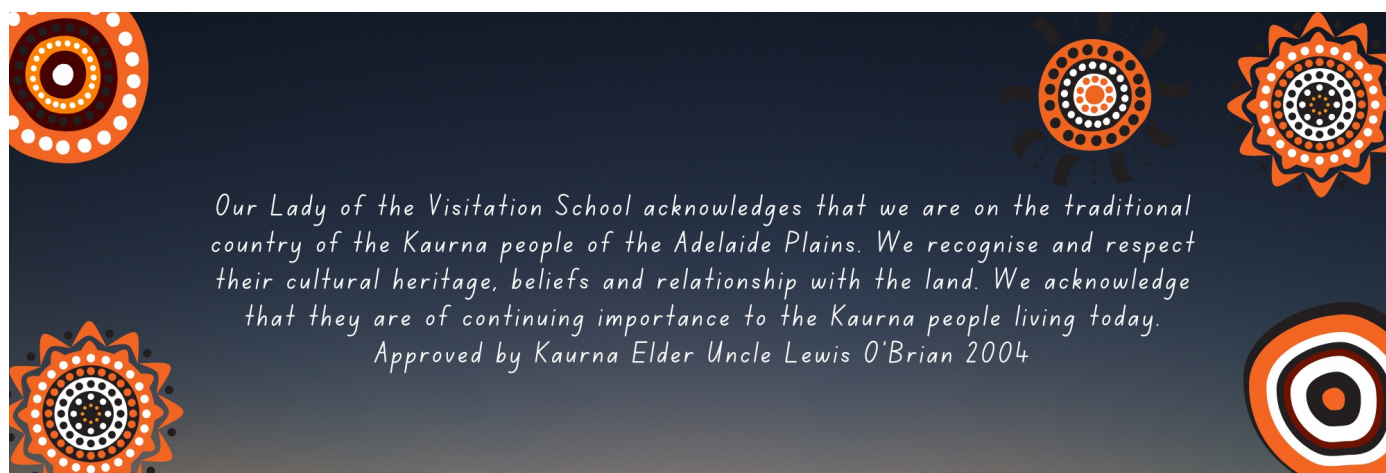
Miller S	Breastroke
Scarlett R	Breastroke
THIRD	
Leah S	100m Freestyle
Szymon D	Butterfly, Freestyle
FOURTH	
Leah S	Freestyle, Backstroke, Butterfly
Scarlett R	100m Freestyle
Szymon D	100m Freestyle
Hugo Y	Freestyle
Parker S	Freestyle

A special thank you to Debbie Sarunic, Shey Angove, Tyson Sarunic, Yolette Gale and Kym Meers for helping with the organisation of the carnival. The carnival was certainly very well organised as a result of your brilliant help!

Also a special thank you to Julie Reed for helping as official/timer. Amelia Maddern for supervising and organising the OLV students at the Carnival.

Congratulations to Szymon D, Charlotte, Hugo Y, Parker S, Leah S and Scarlett R who made the Port Sapsasa Swimming Team. This team competed in a State Division 1 Metro Swimming Carnival at the Marion Aquatics Centre.

Yours in Sports,
John Merrett



IMPORTANT DATES

Term 2 Week 3

Catholic Education Week

Saturday
11th May

School Soccer
starts

Sunday
12th May

Mothers Day

Thursday
16th May

Cedar College
Soccer Clinics
(various classes)

Term 2 Week 4

Thursday
23rd May

Cedar College
Soccer Clinics
(various classes)

Friday
24th May

Assembly 2.20pm
Hosted by 3NJ

Term 2 Week 5

Reconciliation Week

Thursday
30th May

Cedar College
Soccer Clinics
(various classes)

MASSES & LITURGIES

Pentecost Liturgy - 9.30am

Monday 20th May - Hosted by 5/6LI

Visitation of the Blessed Mary
Liturgy - 9.30am

Friday 31st May - Hosted by 4/5JN

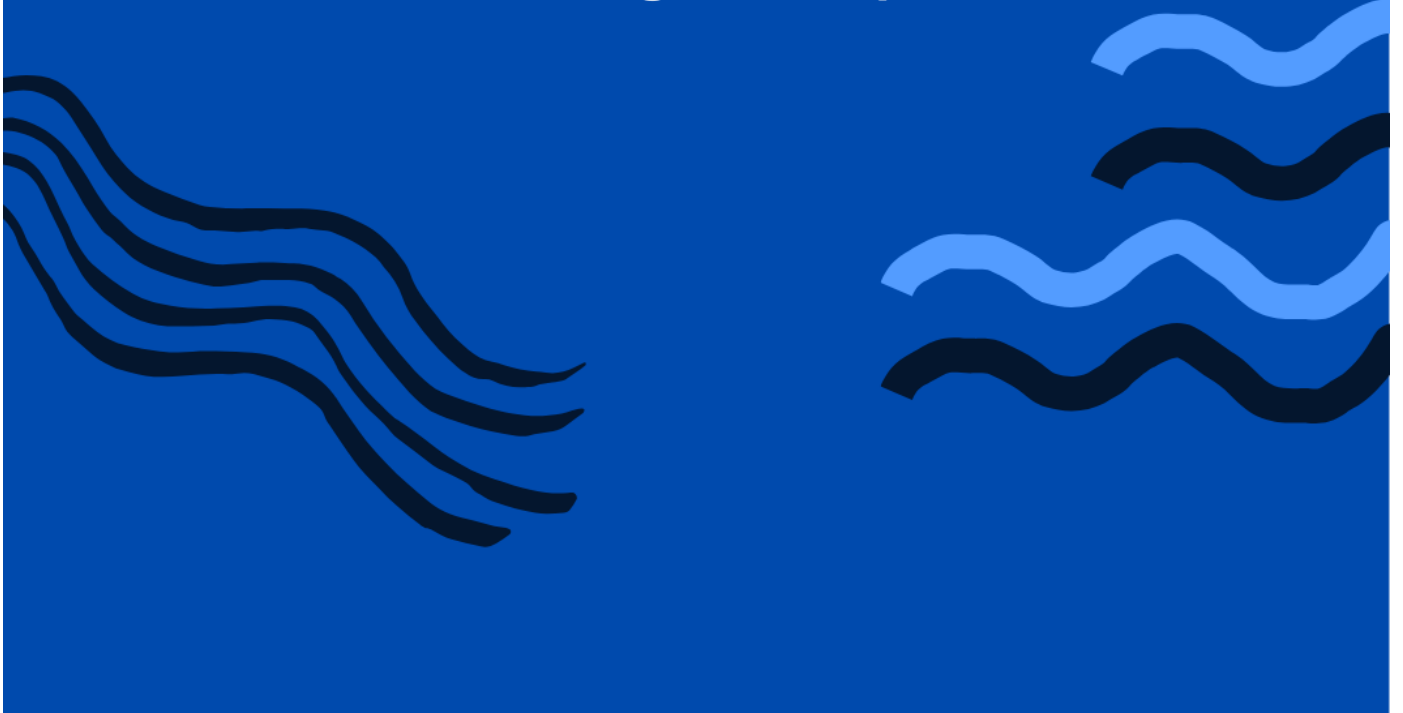
Refugee Week Mass - 9.30am

Tuesday 18th June - Hosted by 4KK

Tuesday 16th June - Hosted by 4KK

NAIDOC Week Mass - 9.30am

Tuesday 2nd July - Hosted by
Nunga Group



Student **ABSENCES**

Friendly reminder...

All student absences must be reported
to the Front Office. Please contact us

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



REMINDER



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

ORDERS DUE BY...

Friday 17th May 2024