
Important Dates

Reception - Year 3
Road Safety Session
Monday 29 August

Father's Day Prayer
Service - Rec Red,
Rec Yellow & R/1
Purple - 9.15am
Veritas Centre
Friday 2 September

Father's Day
Sunday 4 September

Port SAPSASA
Cross Country
Tuesday 13 September

School Photo Day
Wednesday 7 September

From the Principal



BOOK WEEK

This week we have celebrated Book Week, where we have celebrated reading as a chance to “Dream with eyes open”, and the important role that children’s literature, books and stories play in our world.

Reading to and with your child is one of the easiest and best things you can do for your child and their education. Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. Even after children learn to read by themselves, it is still important for you to read aloud together and enjoy books.

The highlight of Book Week is our parade held today. We were so lucky to have the most beautiful weather. It was great to see so many parents and grand parents attend. With the COVID restrictions over the last 2 years, it was great to see so many happy faces in attendance. A big thanks you to Jacinta Zandona for being our Book Week Parade MC and for your support of this great event.





Building Update

All plans and approvals have been completed for Stage 1. The works for Stage 1 Early Years has gone out to tender. There are four Building Companies who have been invited to tender. This tender process follows CESA's protocols and is managed by Stallard Meek-Flightpath (Architects) & CESA. Submissions close Tuesday 13 September. (Week 8).

Our aim is to have the Church Block vacated by end of Term 3. This will enable the successful tenderer to begin works in the school holidays. The demolition of the Church block will involve asbestos removal. This will be performed following strict industry and WHS guidelines.

Decodable Texts

In line with our Literacy strategy we have introduced Decodable Texts in the Early Years which will replace PM readers or the levelled readers. This decision is supported by research and is a change to our current procedures.

Research shows that an important aspect of teaching students to read is Phonemic Awareness. This is the ability to hear, identify and manipulate individual sounds in words by listening to the sounds orally. For example, hearing the 'e' in egg, or hearing the 'd' then the 'o' and the 'g' on 'dog'. It is crucial that all of our students have a sound grasp of phonological awareness skills and this is taught explicitly to all classes in Early Years (includes Preschool & GiR). At OLV we are using the Heggerty Phonemic Awareness which was introduced earlier this year. Students in Year 2-6 may also need to practice these skills if they are yet to grasp a firm foundation of reading. At OLV, student testing informs teachers which students have gaps in their Phonemic Awareness and therefore may require further teaching / intervention.

When a child reads a decodable text, they use their knowledge of phonics and phonemic skills to decode unfamiliar words. The child is able to decode every word in the book because they have been taught the specific sounds and skills required for the text.

There is still a place for levelled readers, which are introduced when students know their sounds, blending, segmenting and decoding, in order to then learn to read for meaning and comprehension.

Some children will acquire these skills more quickly than others and it is important for us to value the skill over the complexity of the text. Many thanks to the parents who attend the 3 Parent Workshops. These were well attended. If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher.

Think U Know

In the last 2 weeks we have highlighted with our Year 4 – 6 students the importance of being Cybersafe. We had sessions for students and parents. These were run by SAPOL, which is endorsed by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner. The aim of these sessions is to support positive online experiences and digital citizenship by encouraging students to navigate their way around their online world with

responsibility, resilience, respect and empathy. Each session is customised, interactive and engaging for the students and covers the latest up to date information to complement the already valuable messages being shared by our school community.

The student sessions included the following topics:

- Digital reputation
- Online Gaming
- Social Media dos and don'ts
- Cyber bullying
- Online Grooming
- Strategies for online wellbeing and screen time management
- Staying within the law
- Online security and privacy, protecting personal information.
- Ways to stay safe where to seek help

The parent information session included:

- Introduction to the most popular and current social media platforms
- Tools to recognise and manage cyber bullying
- Information about online grooming and other risks
- Communication strategies – how to start difficult conversations
- Strategies for supporting positive online behaviour, including tips on managing screen time

It is important as a parent to ensure that you know what your child is doing online and with whom they are talking to. The message to parents from the session was to remember that you are the parent and you make the rules for your home to keep your children safe, despite the protests you may receive.

From Admin

Uniform Orders

School uniform orders need to be placed by Wednesday lunchtime if you wish to collect them the following morning. Orders can be made through a link on our Website.

Toileting Issues

Could I please ask that if your child is prone to having 'toileting accidents' that you send some spare undies and pants/shorts etc. in your child's bag. We don't always have the correct size uniform on hand for children to change into. Accidents always happen, it doesn't hurt to pack a couple of extra undies & pants.

Any of our 'school spares' that we use when a child has an accident, we would appreciate them being returned once washed. Could this please be done as soon as possible as our supplies are running low.

Thank you so much for your cooperation.

Lost Property

There are numerous sports jackets in the lost property box in the front office without names!! If your child has lost their sports jacket, please come and see if it's there.

Regards

Tracy

From the APRIM



Catholic Identity

Catholic Education Week

Raising Hearts and Minds Prayer

Loving God, Guide us to know life in its fullness, to raise our hearts and minds to know God's love. Raise our hearts and minds to be inspired by Jesus, the Catholic faith and tradition. Raise our hearts to be loving, compassionate and respectful. Raise our minds to be inquisitive, capable and seek truth. May we be aware of listening to the stirring of our hearts to prompt action. Guide us to respond to the needs of others and all of God's creation. In all our thoughts, words and actions, help us raise our hearts and minds in creating the world you desire. Loving God hear our prayer. Amen

THEME: Raising Hearts and Minds with God to ensure the dignity of all

This week with the focus of Raising our Hearts and Minds to God we asked our children;

How do we show respect to ourselves, others and the environment at OLV?

"You say hello and thank you" (Scarlett, Reception Green)

"We have nude food days" (Ted, Reception Green)

"Treat others the way we want to be treated" (Myah 2/3 Red)

"Passing the ball gently during Recess and Lunch" (Chase 2/3 Red)

"Understand that everyone is on a different level and even if you don't there, don't give up!" (5/6 Red)

"Include others in activities" (5/6 Red)

"We live near the ocean, so we make sure we pick up our rubbish" (5/6 Red)

Sacrament Preparation for Catholic Children

The Lefevre Catholic Community, in conjunction with the local schools, is calling for enrolments in the 2022/23 Sacrament Preparation Programme. The programme for children over 8 years of age will commence in October.

Classroom Pulse Check In

Classroom Pulse Check In will occur during the next two weeks. This is an opportunity for us as educators to ensure that all students at OLV have strong relationships and a sense of belonging at school.

The Classroom Pulse Check In's are organised in two specific groups appropriate to the age level:

Reception to Year 3: Students respond by clicking on emojis.

Year 4 to Year 6: Students respond by clicking on more 'traditional' radar buttons. These also allow students to add further comments.

The results are analysed by the classroom teacher and leadership and personalised conversations will occur according to the data provided.

The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

We thank Amelia Madden (2 Yellow) and Lorenza Bianchini (2/3 Red) for leading us in prayer for the Feast of the Assumption. Our students were able to understand that this is a Holy day of obligation and a time when we pray and give thanks for Mary.

"Mary was a very special lady and she is the mother of Jesus" (GIR)

Tuesday Parish Masses

5/6 Red and 4 Green have attended our OLV Parish Mass. We thank the students for their participation and reverence in joining in prayer and reflection with Father Rodrick, Josh McDermid and parishioners. 2 Yellow will be attending Mass next Tuesday 30th August at 9:30am. Families are welcome to attend.

Classroom Prayer

Prayer is at the heart of our Christian spirituality and an opportunity for us to be aware of the presence of God in our everyday life. This sacred time also provides the opportunity for children to be in dialogue with our Catholic Tradition and seek truth and interpretation by asking questions and sharing ideas and experiences. I have been present during Prayer in classes and it has been a true gift to hear the awe and wonder of our learners as they seek meaning.



Catholic Charities Appeal

"Never see a need without doing something about it" was one of the sayings of St Mary MacKillop and is what drives our Catholic Charity work in assisting struggling families and individuals in our own community.

This week your child would have bought home a Catholic Charity Booklet. You are invited to have a look at the some of the essential works of our charitable agencies. Some include Centacare Domestic Violence and Homelessness Services support and Our Lady of La Vang & St Patrick's Special Schools.

Enviro Club

This Term EnviroClub initiated Nude Food Tuesdays...

More than 50% of our school has joined the Nude Food fun! Please help us reach 100% by sending your child to school with zero packaging in their lunch box.

This month's Nude Foodie: Eilish, Reception Yellow (photo below)

Success Criteria: I can bring nude food to school

Eilish says: "I love bringing nude food because I don't have to fill up the bin with plastic".

Learning Intentions for Nude Food Tuesdays:

- Children become more aware of and take responsibility for their environmental impact
- Children start to recycle their soft plastics from home to minimise landfill
- Children practice teamwork through creating positive environmental changes at school

Elli Kyriacou

STEM Teacher



Sports News

Catholic Schools Cross Country Championships

O.L.V performed extremely well at the Catholic Schools Cross Country Championships held on Thursday 11th August 2022. There were between 120-150 runners in each event, running a distance of 2,000 metres. Some 60 Year 3 to 6 students from O.L.V. completed the

distance. Well done! The weather was great! The creek had too much water in it! A special thank you to Shey Angove, Tina Ida, Max Bentley and Tanita Rodgers for helping with supervising, first aid and marshalling the children. The following are some of the children's performances.

Madison Bennett	9th	Ajok Kuir	10th	Amelie Burchell	11th
Aaron Van Der Ploeg	13th	Ella Gustard	18th	Kobe Fowler	18th
Maxim Burchell	19th	Zavier Riley	19th	Macy Cooper	19th
Yar Kuir	22nd	Rylan Barry	22nd	Emily Leonard	23rd
Matilda Ryan	25th	Eli Clarke	27th	Jasmine Wadrop	32nd
Harper Cowan	32nd	Logan Leach	32nd	Aggie Collins-Eckert	33rd
Tilley Marlow	41st	Jayden Riley	41st	Leo Clarke	43rd
Scarlett Reed	43rd	Anyeeth Akuei	44th	Oliver Ford	44th
Manaia Taiapa	44th	Noah Atkinson	47th	Lucas Kalaitzis	47th
Lean Sng	50th	Jake Atkinson	54th	Isabel Coggins	54th
Ollie Stephens	56th	Alessia Santoro	56th	Savannah Butler	58th
Piper Kluzek	60th	Marites Morla	61st	Alysia Baldacchino	62nd
Alex Jackson	63rd	Jacob Leonard	63rd	Jack Page	63rd
Lotus Black	65th	Will Stead	69th	Hayley Allen	72nd
Elise Oliveira	73rd	Shayda Yousefpour	74th	Matilda Kirkby-Jones	75th
Sculley Collins-Eckert	76th	Titan Reid	80th	Blake Wadrop	85th
Jonathon McGlade	86th	Tane Taiapa	86th	Brodie Line	92nd
Zaiden Cleaver	96th				

Our next Carnival is a Port SAPSASA Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday 13th September at Point Malcolm Reserve Semaphore Park.

Yours in Running

John Merrett

Student Absences

Reminder...when alerting the school of the absence of your child/ren, can you please contact the school via the phone number or email address below with child's name & reason for absence.

(P) 8248 2480

(E) absent@olv.catholic.edu.au



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/ Sunday
Week 1	25/7	26/7	27/7	28/7	29/7	30/7 31/7
Week 2	1/8 Bike Ed (Yr 5 & 5/6)	2/8	3/8 Feast St Dominic (Friday)	4/8	5/8 Assembly: Yr 5/6R (includes St Dominic Day celebration)	6/8 7/8
Week 3	8/8 Bike Ed (Yr 5 & 5/6) Feast St Mary MacKillop Liturgy R-6 9.15 3/4 B	9/8	10/8 Yr 2 & Yr 2/3R Excursion	11/8 Catholic Cross Country Carnival	12/8	13/8 14/8
Week 4	15/8 Bike Ed (Yr 5 & 5/6) Feast of Assumption Liturgy 2-6 9.15 2Y & 2/3 R	16/8	17/8	18/8 Ed Review Meetings ThinkUKnow (cybersafety) 9.30 – 11.00 Yr 4 - 6	19/8 Assembly: Yr 5	20/8 21/8
Week 5 BOOK WEEK	22/8	23/8	24/8 Choir (Loreto) Parent session Cyber Safety 6 - 7	25/8	26/8 Book Week Assembly (9.15)	27/8 28/8
Week 6	29/8 R - 3 Road Safety	30/8	31/8	1/9	2/9 Father's Day Prayer Service Rec R, Y & R/1P (time to be confirmed) Assembly: Yr 4	3/9 4/9 Father's Day
Week 7	5/9	6/9	7/9 SCHOOL PHOTO DAY	8/9 Ed Review Meetings	9/9	10/9 11/9
Week 8	12/9	13/9 Port Sapsasa Cross Country	14/9	15/9	16/9 Assembly: Yr 3/4	17/9 18/9
Week 9	19/9	20/9 Rec Red & Rec Yellow Excursion	21/9	22/9 Ed Review Meetings	23/9	24/9 25/9
Week 10	26/9	27/9	28/9 Choir Performance	29/9	30/9 SPORTS FUN DAY End of Term	1/10 2/10

Due to COVID events may change

Assembly – begins at 2.20

Labelling uniforms

Please check and ensure that your child's jumper/jacket, beanie, hat, drink bottle etc. are all labelled so that they can be returned to them.

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