Dear Parents/ Carers,

We were blessed to have good conditions for our twilight sports last Wednesday evening. This allowed our students (and some siblings and parents!) to demonstrate their skills on the running track, as well as in our rotating family activities. It was also great to see our senior students take on House Leadership roles with great enthusiasm. Congratulations to Bernadette (Blue) House for their narrow victory, and thanks to Mrs Stevens for her organisation of the event.

MIDDLE/ SENIOR EXCURSION
The middle and senior level students travelled to Taskworks yesterday for a fun filled adventure in problem solving and team building. There were also opportunities for the students to develop their leadership skills as they completed a series of tasks during the day. Thanks to Michelle, Brendan, Jess and Chris for organising this event.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS
This week our prospective school captains addressed to student group on the merits of school leadership. I am very proud to say that all of the speakers did a fine job of presenting their ideas. The announcement of School Captains for 2019 will be made on Monday morning at assembly.

ROUND ROBIN SPORTS DAY
On Friday students from Years 3-6 will participate in their round robin sport day against local schools in our district. The students will participate in netball and girls’ and boys’ soccer. We hope the weather is fine on Friday!
SCHOOL WEBSITE, APP AND PROMOTION
The website is almost finished- I am hoping to have some ‘teaser’ pictures to share later this week. Our new school app is also proving to be an effective way of communicating with families. By registering with the Flexibuzz app you can receive updates and information (and even directly receive our newsletter!).

PRINCIPAL CONFERENCE
For the rest of this week I am with outer eastern (Melbourne) Primary Principals at the Victorian Association of Catholic Primary School Principals for the week at a conference in Lorne. As the group name suggests, Catholic Primary Principals from all over Victoria will meet for a biennial conference.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS- 2019
In order for families to plan for school closure days, please note the following dates when the school will be closed:
- Fri 26th April
- Mon 5th August
- Mon 4th November (Pre Melbourne Cup)
- Fri 29th November

With our school undertaking Review this year, there is a possibility of a further school closure day in term three. I will inform families as

SCHOOL APP- FLEXIBUZZ!
Many parents have already joined our new school app- Flexibuzz. The App allows the school to send information to our parents securely, with the additional feature of adding pictures and documents within messages. We will also commence sending the newsletter home in this form next week. You can also quickly and easily inform the school of student absences, check out the school Facebook page and contact the office via email. When using the Flexibuzz App, you will be asked to register your details, which means that the school has full control over who has access to the messages we send!

To access the new school app, please download the Flexibuzz app, register as a new member, then search for Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, our school logo will appear next to our name.

Ross Williams
Principal
The Way To Go

this week is...

Have a go and believe in yourself.

Even if something is hard to do, take a risk and try to do it—'have a go'. You can't be successful if you don't try. Taking a risk is when you might fail at what you try to do, but you try anyway. It means believing in yourself and having a go at something that is hard for you to do. It means you need to believe in your ability to try hard and work hard to achieve something that is OK for someone your age.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child’s school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:
- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION
For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Dear Parents,

Note: No morning care Friday, 29th MARCH 2019. If you need care please call 0448793271. Service time only- 0422247106. Call school a day before - 97293411

Feedback and suggestions are welcome, so let us know how your child felt after their first visit.

Welcome to OSHC! - Program Details-

Last week, children had fun making eggless chocolate cupcakes, playing badminton and building sand castles in the sand pit. They also used some water to make the sand smooth. It took team work and was fun to watch. This week, the children made roti’s from wholemeal wheat flour and had them on Monday. We will include indoor and outdoor games depending on weather conditions. Indoors, children will play, Chess, Scrabble, Monopoly and Coles’ newest collection, the Fresh Stikeez. The children will do some Aboriginal dot painting as well. Additionally, children will make Easter arts and crafts such as a bunny rabbit from recycled paper and cloth, using their creativity and imagination. On the early finish day, we will make stress balls. Besides that, we will make strawberry cheese cake during the week of early finish. Moreover, we will be playing the Easter hunt, making Easter eggs from marshmallow and strawberry yoghurt chocolate. Here are some photos I would like to share:

If you have any further suggestions, please let the OSHC team know.
HAVE YOU EATEN YOUR CHOCOLATES YET??!!?!?

With Monday’s chocolate deadline fast approaching, we ask all families who have kindly taken a box of Cadbury Easter Eggs and who have not returned their money; to please do so by this Friday (29/03), or Monday (01/04), at the very latest.

Have you sold your chocolates yet?
Yes!! We just haven’t returned our money – we will return it to the office this week

We can’t sell our chocolates, can you help us?
Yes!! Please return them to the Office AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so we can redistribute them for other families to sell before end of term

To ensure we can account for all boxes of chocolates, we will review the list of “who’s returned what” in the coming days. If we’ve not received a response to the questions above, someone from the school will be in touch to follow up and assist as best we can.

Thank you

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Uniform Shop

Due to lower stock of short sleeve school polo tops,

the Uniform Shop is now running a 2FOR1 deal

on long sleeve polo tops only.

This offer will run for the remainder of Term 1, so get in quick.

Uniform Shop is open every Friday between 8:30am—9:30am and 3:00pm—3:30pm If you are unable to attend at these times, orders can be left at the school office.