



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL

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*We acknowledge that we are on the land of the Wurundjeri and Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation'.*



OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE:

T: 9729 3411 (7.30am - 9am & 3.20pm - 6.15pm)



## Important Reminders



**TONIGHT ~WEDNESDAY 18th MARCH 7:00pm—P&F MEETING**

**FRIDAY 27th MARCH—END OF TERM 1 (1:00pm FINISH)**

**HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE SCHOOL 'FLEXIBUZZ' APP?**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Over the last week, we can certainly appreciate that we live in the age of instant notification! There has been a lot of information circulating in the regular and social media regarding local and global reactions to the COVID-19 coronavirus. There has been a lot of speculation around reactions in Australia and overseas and, whether we as adults realise it or not, our children have seen and heard these conversations. It must be very difficult for children to understand the context of so much of the information they are seeing and hearing in the media and even when they go to the shops with family. With so many avenues of information available to the students, I suggest it is time to more closely monitor the access to television news shows, social media and even be wary of the conversations that we conduct within earshot of our children. The mental, as well as the physical, health and wellbeing of our children must be of the highest priority to all in our community.

### **OLOL RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS**

As you will have noted from previous communications, it is our intention to keep our community well informed of all planning and processes in regards to the coronavirus. We continue to be guided by the relevant authorities (Federal and State) as well as Catholic Education Melbourne. At the time of writing, the following actions have been undertaken:

- All school excursions, including the Catholic Education Week activities such as St Patrick's Day Mass, have been postponed. There are no other excursions planned for this term.
- Our school assembly will be slightly different this week- awards and announcements will take place over the Public Address (PA) system, while students will remain in classrooms.

- Monsignor Tony Ireland has advised that all Confirmation Masses in the east of Melbourne have been cancelled until further notice. I have also advised Fr Sebastian that class groups will not be attending Friday parish masses for the rest of this term.
- Planned Holy Week liturgies hosted by classes at OLOL will take place in the enlarged Inquiry Hub space, however, we will not be inviting parents/ carers/ visitors to attend these sessions. Thank you for your understanding.
- School Sport Victoria has advised on the cancellation of all interschool sporting activities for the rest of this term. The students will not participate in interschool sport this Friday, however, we will organise a sports activity day to ensure that students have the opportunity to engage in healthy sporting activities.
- All Staff Professional Development days (offsite) have been cancelled for the remainder of this term. This includes my planned trip to Canada!
- On Monday all students were advised on updated protocols for maintaining good hygiene at school. Staff have been advised to allow some extra time for students to wash hands, etc before meal eating and after recess and lunch.
- Teachers are being proactive in practising mindfulness techniques as taught in our Art/ Wellbeing program throughout the school day (see examples in this newsletter)
- As mentioned in the letter sent home this week, I respect the right of families to make their own informed choice regarding school attendance. At this time, teachers will not be assigning extra homework tasks for families that choose to remain off-site. At our Leadership Team Meeting this week we have commenced planning to provide learning opportunities in the event that the school is closed to students. This will include regular and on-line delivery on content where appropriate.

As always, staff will continue to be vigilant in the care of every student. In cases where a teacher makes an assessment that a child is not capable of completing learning activities in the classroom due to being unwell, parents/ carers will be requested to collect children.

We will continue to monitor and follow the advice from the government and CEM, and I will continue to keep all in our community informed of the latest information. For further information, I can refer you to the [Catholic Education Commission of Victoria \(CECV\) website relating to the coronavirus](#).

### **TWILIGHT SPORTS 12TH MARCH**

What a great sporting occasion for our school community!! There was a great sense of community as we celebrated last Thursday. As the images on our Facebook page show, the occasion was clearly enjoyed by all. Congratulations to Xavier house for their success, to Mrs Stevens and the staff for their organisation and Jarad and Oaklands Productions for the fantastic sounds!!

## **PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2021**

All parents that have a child that will be commencing in Prep in 2021 are asked to collect an enrolment pack from the school office as soon as possible. We have already seen strong interest in school tours early in term one, so I ask that all families complete their enrolment application as soon as possible to assist us with planning for class numbers and sizes as early as possible. As always, our aim is to keep class sizes as small as practical, as we know we have had great success with curriculum, faith and wellbeing programs with current class sizes.

**Ross Williams**  
Principal

**eSmart**  
Schools



**Do you have a current  
Healthcare Card?**

## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

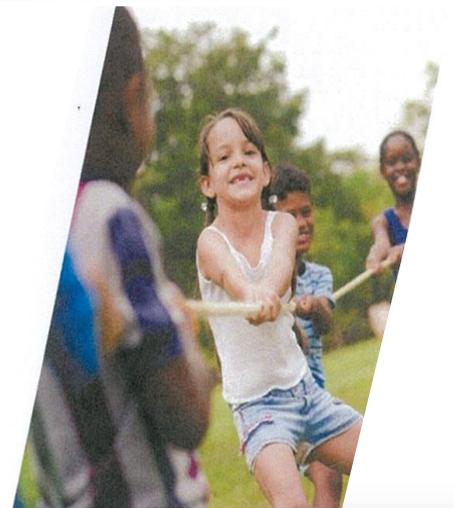
Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making 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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

The

WAY TO GO



this week is...

**It is important to respect yourself.**

***Self respect*** is when you like and accept yourself. You believe that you matter and should be treated well by others. If you have ***self respect*** then you also ***self protect***. You take care of yourself and keep yourself from harm. If you ***self respect***, you speak up when someone doesn't treat you respectfully.

**Mater Christi College, Belgrave**

**Excellence in all-girls education**

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE wishes to advise that the Scheduled Tour on 22 March is cancelled.



# Twilight Sports



# OSHC NEWS

Welcome to OSHC Term 1 2020, Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School OSHC – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and School staff,

We're here to make Before/After School Care visits the best experience possible for you and your child. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to drop by, meet us and see what happens in After School Care first hand.



End of term Early Finish -27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – 1:00 PM to 6:15 PM

**Note: No morning care on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020. If you require care kindly call 0448793271 or contact school a day before for morning bookings – 0397293411.**

## *OSHC! - Program Details-*

This week children had fun playing a variety of indoor and outdoor games. They were also able to use the school computer hub working on literacy and numeracy games. Other activities planned included: Origami, drawing, colouring, board games and card games. Children made origami purses, bananas, reindeer, and boxes for Easter. Children have been playing a number of games and activities such as Connect4, building Lego, mobilo activities, playing with the doll house and enjoying a bit of reading for relaxing time.

On the coming Friday children will have some fun learning time on computers with the educational program. Next week on Monday we will celebrate Zenah's birthday by baking cupcakes and decorating, making rice bubbles and chocolate Easter eggs. The children can choose from range of activities such as making and colouring boxes for Easter, arts and crafts, and their choice of board games to make them feel comfortable at OSHC. Depending on the weather conditions, the children will enjoy some outdoor games: basketball, What's the time Mr Wolf, and free time on the equipment and in the sand pit. For the last day of term children will be able to participate in an Easter egg hunt and a variety of other Easter related activities.

*Here are few pictures of children having fun at OSHC care.*



*If you have any further suggestions, please let the OSHC team know*

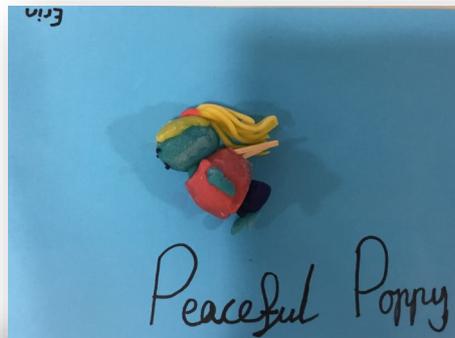
From Juhi,  
Marianne & staff  
at OSHC

In response to the anxiety that the Coronavirus may be eliciting in some children, we decided that today our mindfulness session would be based on:

1. Hand hygiene. Doing our part to prevent the spread of germs. Ask them 😁
2. Using our breathing skills and strategies learnt over the last 12 months to help us stay calm.
3. Create a calming character from playdough that provided a visual reminder of the various ways that we can achieve relaxation, calmness and a sense of peace.



## Some wonderful examples of what the children produced.



Yours truly,  
Peaceful Kids



# ATTENTION PARENTS and FRIENDS!!!



Do you want to be more involved in your  
child's school?

Do you want to meet other parents?

Do you like to laugh and have  
fun?

Can you help with BBQ's and other  
fundraisers?

If you answered 'YES' to any of these  
questions, we would love to invite you to  
come along to one of our meetings!



**WE WANT YOU!**

**Tonight!**

**Next Meeting will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March in  
the Boardroom at OLOL at 7pm!!  
Light Refreshments provided!!**

If you are wanting more information you can email Shona at  
[shona.ashworth@hotmail.com](mailto:shona.ashworth@hotmail.com) or contact the office!



**OLOL Primary School Bayswater**  
**Guitar and Keyboard Lessons**  
**Enrolment Form 2020**

Fun and effective music lessons tailored to achieve great results from over ten years of music teaching/performing experience with Will Gijsbers (Bmus, WWCC).

- All styles, all ages, beginner to advanced.
- Opportunities to perform during the year at school assemblies and at the end of year concert.
- On going feedback and direct contact with me throughout the year.

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Class of student (eg. 3/4 H): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address/Ph Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your student learnt an instrument before? Please specify

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you need to hire a guitar for home practice? \_\_\_\_\_

Lesson Prices: \$22 per lesson (see duration times and circle preference below)

1:1 = 20mins

1:2 = 30mins

1:1 -30 mins = \$30

Lesson fees paid upfront at the start of each term.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions on 0413 713 435

Email: willgijsbers@gmail.com