



Queen of Peace Newsletter



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Queen of Peace – Guiding the Way

Mary's Peace Prayer

**Mary, Mother of God my mother,
Queen of Peace,
ask your Son Jesus to
give me the gift of peace.
Pray for me for peace;
peace in my heart,
peace of mind and of soul,
peace in my family,
peace with all whom I meet,
the peace of Jesus.**

AMEN



Dear Queen of Peace families,

Welcome to our newsletter. Since our last edition our Year 4 children celebrated Eucharist for the first time in two wonderful Masses. Thank you to the Year 4 teachers and Mrs Gracias for preparing them so well. Thank you also the children who sang in the choir and Mrs Bracken and Mrs O'Malley for leading them so well. I hope all of the children had their families had a very faith filled experience and a wonderful celebration afterwards.

Today we celebrated the Feast of the Queenship of Mary. This is a very special day and comes so close to the other special day that we celebrated on Tuesday, the Assumption of Mary. With these two special days in mind I offer the simple prayer above.

Absenteeism – Sick, Holidays etc

The information below is taken from our Parent Handbook and based on the Attendance Guidelines from the Department of Education. It is vitally important the parents inform us of reasons for a child's absence, especially when going on holidays. Please write to me informing me of the dates that your child will be away from school.

"Parents are required to ensure their child attends school and to provide an explanation for their child's absence from school, and the principal must record in writing the reason (if any) given by the parent. The principal must be able to determine from the records if the excuse given was reasonable in terms of the parent meeting their legal obligations."

Parents should inform the school of the reason for their child's absence so that the school can:

- *determine if the child's absence needs to be excused by the principal, in line with school policy and these guidelines*
- *determine the appropriate follow up to ensure the child's education and wellbeing is supported*
- *record if the parent has a reasonable excuse for not meeting their obligation to ensure their child attends school each day.*

Where possible, parents should inform the school in advance of upcoming absences.

An absence proforma is available from the school office, on the school website or on the Skoolbag App.

In case of holidays outside of the school term, parents must first apply for permission from the Principal. If granted then a Student Absence Learning Plan needs to be developed in conjunction with the classroom teacher."

For more information on School Attendance Guidelines please refer to the link below.

http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/principals/participation/Attendance_Guidelines.pdf

Insight SRC Parent Surveys – Home Monday

On Monday, we will be sending home an envelope with details on how you can complete the Parent Survey about how we are doing in a variety of areas. If you are one of the lucky families who receive this envelope please take the time to complete the survey either online or on the paper copy if you prefer. The feedback we get from these surveys is important to us and we use this feedback to try and improve the way we work with the children and families. Please take the time to complete this survey so we can get a good picture of what our whole community thinks.

Assemblies

Can I please ask that parents who enter the hall whilst the Prayer is being said or the National Anthem is being sung remain at the door to the hall until they are finished. This is just as a sign of respect for our religion and nation. Members of the Junior School Council will be at the doors to remind you.

Uniform

Last week we went through the lost property box and found so many pieces of clothing that did not have any names on them. I am not sure how you as parents expect your child to find their own jumpers, hats etc if you are not writing their name on them. The current lost property clothing will now either be absorbed into our spare clothing pool, our second hand pool or be donated to St Vincent de Paul. A much smaller Lost Property area will be created and cleared on a regular basis. Please make sure all your children's clothing that they are likely to take off has their first and last name clearly marked on it.

There also seems to be a trend in wearing the sports jacket every day instead of the school jumper. The sports jacket is only to be worn on sports days. The uniform should include the jumper and spray jacket if it is cold. Please make your children aware of this.

Early Arrival & Supervision

We are beginning to see quite a number of children without their parents arriving at school well before 8.30am when the gates are opened and the yard is supervised. Please make sure you do not drop your children off before 8.30am or if you are here before the gates are open, please wait with them.

If you need to leave children at school earlier than 8.30am, children must be registered and booked into the before care program. This service is provided by OSHclub. Further information can be found by calling head office 8564 9000 or at www.oshclub.com.au

New Newsletter Format

Before the end of this term we will be changing the way we write our newsletter. We will make a change from what has essentially been an email of a paper based newsletter which is very static to a much more engaging style of newsletter where we will be able to include many more photos, links and even videos. You will still receive your newsletter via email or Skoolbag but we will no longer be printing paper copies of this newsletter. If you want to get a preview of what you will see please visit the link here and have a look around. [iNewsletter](#)

Have a great fortnight.

Anthony Drill
Principal

Religion News

Friday 25 August

Year Preps hosting Parish Mass. 9.15am in the church

Monday 28 August

Children who made their First Eucharist will receive their certificates at Assembly



Queen of Peace Sacraments

Reconciliation: Thursday 19 October

Family Night: Thursday 21 September at 7pm

Laverton Catholic Parish

Parish Office – 9369 6877

Email: laverton@cam.org.au

Fr John Healy – Parish Priest

Fr Daryl Montecillo – Assistant Priest

Sue Sherman – Secretary

Grace Gingco – Bursar

Liz Nissen – Baptism Coord.

Laverton

St Martin de Porres

Mass

Sunday

10:00am

Tuesday

9:15am

Thursday

9:15am

Reconciliation by request

Altona Meadows

Queen of Peace

Mass

Saturday

9:15am

Sunday

6pm

Sunday

8:00am

Wednesday

11:00am

Friday

9:15am

Friday

9:15am

Reconciliation

Saturday

10:00–10:30am

Point Cook

Stella Maris

Mass

Sunday

9:00am

St. Mary of the Cross

Mass

Wednesday

9:00am

Lumen Christi

Mass

Thursday

9:15am

Stella Maris

Mass

Friday

9:15am

Click [Parish Bulletins](#) to read the latest Parish news

Maths News

Here are some practical games and activities that you can engage in with your child to kickstart some good Maths thinking for early Maths development. While the article gives tips for the younger years, some of these could be easily extended to cater for children from Prep -4. Definitely promotes some fun thinking.

<https://theconversation.com/eleven-games-and-activities-for-parents-to-encourage-maths-in-early-learning-76522>

Josie Kirby
Numeracy Leader

"Caught Reading" Photo Competition



Do you love to read?

Do you read any place you can?

To celebrate Book Week this year, we will be holding a photo competition.

Take a photo of the most unusual place you like to read a book and enter it for a chance to win a book pack!

Your photo must have your name and grade on it and can be placed in your class note tub.

Winners will be announced during Book Week (week of 21st August).

Good Luck!

Student Awards

Prep A	Jackson M	For always helping others
Prep B	Grace A	For trying hard to be resilient and positive
	Lucas N	For excellent reading in small groups
Prep C	Tyler S	For always working hard and being a great helper
Year 1A	Lucas T	For his wonderfully prepared Show and Tell
Year 1B	Samuel T	For his fantastic journal about his holiday
Year 1C	Pablo A	For enthusiastically sharing his knowledge on our farm excursion
Year 2A	Dietrich N	For his excellent work with flips, slides and turns in transformations
Year 2B	Leanne B	For her consistent effort with her reading and comprehension
Year 2C	Bianca O	For being a supportive friend to her peers
Year 3A		
Year 3B	James E	For his great work in Literacy, when inferring information from texts.
Year 3C	Lilly H	For being a friendly member of our classroom
Year 4A	Zayn P	For his excellent contributions and understanding of 'STEM'
Year 4B	Grace B	For always working hard in class, setting an excellent example for her peers
Year 4C	Xavier T	For good work on the Claire Saxby book 'Big Red Kangaroo'
Year 5A	Matthew B	For showing great sportsmanship and being a team player during AFL 9's
Year 5B	Deon M	For showing great sportsmanship and being a team player during AFL 9's
	Leanna T	For her insightful ideas and contributions during reading groups
Year 5C	Marco L	For showing great sportsmanship at the AFL 9s
Year 6A	Moneeka C	For great work with fractions and decimals
Year 6B	Thomas M	For his hard work in decimals
	Sebastian O	For his diligent work in class
Year 6C	Angelo I	For his excellent reading at Mass



Dear Parents and Carers

FATHERS DAY STALL - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST

Every year the P&F holds a Fathers Day Stall, selling various gifts for the kids to buy for their dad/grandpa/significant father figure in their life.

We need volunteers to help "man" the stall on Thursday 31st of August - any help offered will be greatly appreciated. A CareMonkey eForm will be sent out today.

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Every year the P&F holds a Father's Day Raffle, drawn on the day of the Father's Day Stall. There will be some great prizes on offer:

- 1st Prize – One Night Accommodation Voucher with 'Choice Hotel' group (conditions apply) (value~ \$250)
- 2nd Prize – Wyncity \$50 Entertainment pack plus a \$50 Food Voucher at Scolaro's Restaurant
- 3rd Prize – \$80 Dinner Voucher for The Victoria Hotel Yarraville
- 4th Prize – \$25 Voucher for the Phoenix Hotel Point Cook Bistro
- 5th Prize – \$25 Voucher for the Phoenix Hotel Point Cook Bistro

QoP DADS SOCIAL EVENT - LAWN BOWLS & SNOOKER FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

*** CareMonkey form due back by Thursday 24th of August ***

Hoppers Club - Pannam Drive, Hoppers Crossing
6pm to 8:30pm - Lawn bowls and sausage sizzle
8:30pm onwards - snooker
Cost: \$12 for bowls and bbq (paid at the venue)
Drinks and other snacks at bar prices
Snooker - the exorbitant price of \$1 per game

Information: pandf@qopaltonameadows.catholic.edu.au

SAVE THE DATE: SCHOOL WORKING BEE SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

8am to 12pm
Can come along for an hour or four - all help is greatly appreciated.
Further details to follow in early September.

QoP COMEDY NIGHT WRAP UP

Thanks to all those who came and supported the inaugural QOP Comedy Night on Friday 5th of August. The comedians were very funny and the venue was fantastic!

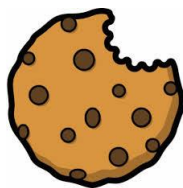
The night went off without a hitch and raised around \$1,500 for the school - thanks to the Altona RSL for providing the venue free of charge and for opening the bar in the function room just for us.

Thanks to the following who donated items for the live and silent auctions:

CJ Photography
Forero Mechanics
Airodrome
Borg's Cakes
Cliff Hanger
Flowers in the Meadows
Parker-Shirley Family
Play Hut
Victoria Hotel
Yellow Tail Wines

Kind regards,
Brendan Halloran
(P&F President)

Family Engagement



Multiplication Cookies

In the early years of school, your child will start to learn the building blocks of multiplication. This fun cooking activity will help your child learn about groups of numbers and visualise the multiplication process – and they can enjoy a delicious treat afterwards!

We call this recipe “Multiplication Cookies”. Here’s what you will need:

3 cups of plain flour
1 cup of icing sugar
300 grams of softened butter
1 250 gram bag of chocolate chips
Rolling pin
Round cookie cutters
Baking paper
Oven pan
Writing paper
Pencil

This activity requires cooking so it is important to supervise your child.

How to make the cookies:

Encourage your child to help you make the cookie dough. Measuring the ingredients will help their math skills.

Preheat the oven to 180 degrees
Mix the butter and icing sugar together
Gradually add the flour while mixing, until it becomes a doughy texture
Knead the dough well
Roll the dough out on a floured surface
Press the cookie cutters into the flattened dough and carefully place each cookie onto baking paper on a pan.

The activity:

This is where the multiplication comes into play. To begin with, give your child a pencil and piece of paper.

Ask your child to count the cookies that have been made and write that amount on a piece of paper.

Now, ask your child to work out how many chocolate chips they would need if they were to put two on each cookie. Suggest your child write the sum on the paper and figure it out – or if that is too difficult, encourage your child to put the chocolate chips onto the cookies and count them up. Talk about the maths your child is doing, for example “We have 12 cookies and you put 2 chocolate chips on each. That’s 12 groups of 2. What’s 12 times 2? Let’s count them up!” Then encourage your child to write the sum ($12 \times 2 = 24$) on the piece of paper.

Once they have correctly answered that equation, give them a few other sums to work out. For example, “What if we wanted to put 3 chocolate chips on each cookie, how many would we need?”

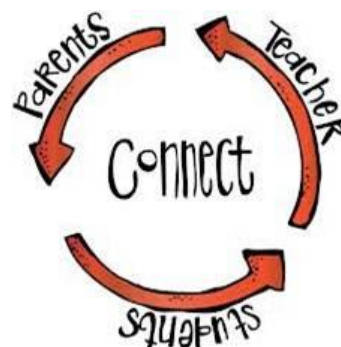
For older kids you could ask more difficult questions such as “How many chocolate chips will we need if we put two on half of the cookies and three on the other half?” – or, you could try practising some division problems like “If there are 4 people sharing the cookies, how many would each person get?”

Finally, add the chocolate chips to the cookies and pop them in the oven for 15 minutes.

Reward your child for their excellent maths practice with a delicious cookie.

This mathematics game is sure to become a favourite with your child! They will have fun learning basic maths as well as cooking techniques and you can make authentic links with your child’s learning.

Belinda Bartolo
Family Engagement Leader



School Banking

Here is the list of rewards that you can order as of Term 3:

Smiley Emoji keyring, Volt handball, colour change markers, 3D chalk set and the tablet case. Please note that the cyber handball is now out of stock.

You need to wait until Term 4 to order the pencil and tech case and the epic earphones.

If you have 10 tokens, then you can place your reward - just write down your request on a piece of paper with your name, student number and reward item.

Don't forget that if you make 15 school deposits this year before the end of Term 3, you will be automatically entered into the competition for a family trip to Tokyo Disneyland.

School banking day is every Tuesday. Thank you for supporting school banking.



Please Note

To avoid disruption to classrooms, if children need to be collected early they should be picked up at the lunch break (at 1:30pm Monday or 1:40pm Tuesday to Friday). It is also very disruptive for classes and the office to be passing on messages to children in the afternoons. It would be appreciated if these interruptions could be kept to a minimum.

Woolworths "Earn and Learn" program

Queen of Peace Primary School has registered for Woolworth's current "Earn & Learn" program in order to earn educational equipment and resources for classrooms.

We'd like to request that our students' families, grandparents and even neighbours who shop at Woolworths collect as many stickers as possible during this promotion.

Today your child will bring home a sticker sheet for you to complete if you can. The completed sheets and/or stickers should be returned to school and placed in the special drop box in the office foyer by Monday 18 September.



News from Emmanuel College

Well done to our VCE Music students who produced last week's Annual Showcase evening – the staging, lighting, visuals and sound were first-class. Congratulations also to our talented performers – string ensemble, choir, singers, bands, instrumentalists and dancers on the outstanding quality of their performances - the result of many years of effort and perseverance.

A reminder that the closing date for applications for Year 7, 2019 is Friday 25 August 2017.

News from Mount St Joseph Girls' College

Applications for Year 7, 2019 will close Friday 25 August 2017.

Limited places available for 2017 and 2018. Enrolment applications forms can be obtained from the website www.msj.vid.edu.au phone 8398 2000 or email the College Registrar, Sherri Collins at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au

QoP Uniform Shop

Shop open **Friday 18 August 2:30-3:30pm, Monday 21 & 28, 8:30am-9:30am**

Orders can be left with the school office if you are unable to attend at this time. Returns will only be accepted with receipt.

Specials:

- Old Style Winter Skirts with elastic waistband (not adjustable) \$45. Limited stock in sizes 6, 8, 12, 14 & 16 only
- 2017 Year 6 Rugby Top \$45 Only 1 left, size 12

[QoP Uniform Policy](#)

CANTEEN ROSTER

Please contact the school office if you are unable to attend on your rostered day, thank you.

Mon 21 Aug	Tues 22 Aug	Weds 23 Aug	Thurs 24 Aug	Fri 25 Aug
Deb H	Maree C	Michelle R	Mignon M 9:30-12:30 Pauline C	Chizuru L Sharon M
Mon 28 Aug	Tues 29 Aug	Weds 30 Aug	Thurs 31 Aug	Fri 1 Sep
Madlen Z	Amelia M	Michelle R	Mignon M 9:30-12:30 Pauline C	Emma F



Dear Queen of Peace Parents

Can you please ensure you book your children online www.oshclub.com.au as this enables us to have adequate staffing, you avoid the late booking fee and we are aware which children should attend the program. Please update your Child's medical condition online if any. Further, any children who have Allergies, asthma, anaphylaxis **MUST** have their Action Plan duly signed by the Doctor. Please submit the document when your child first attends the Program.

PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS : queenofpeace@oshclub.com.au

OSHC program phone: 0421 287 254

Coordinator: Geeta Ankhi. Assistants: Antoinette Kelly & Bridget Sherrin.

OSHClub Head Office phone: 8564 9000 [OSH information](#)

All families must be enrolled to attend the program - it is free to enrol. Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au

All bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account.

For on the day bookings, please contact the Coordinator direct 0421 287 254.

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Monday 11 September	12.30pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday 12 September	12.30pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday 13 September	2.00pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 14 September	12.30pm – 7.30pm
Friday 15 September	8.30am – 3.30pm

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF

Wine & Cheese

Come and join us for a fabulous evening with
GUEST SPEAKER – KRISTY YOUNG

DATE: THURSDAY 31 AUGUST 2017
TIME: 6:30-8:30PM

- Centre tour
- Presentations – Our curriculum
- Meet the team
- Goodie bags
- Nibbles and wine

GUEST SPEAKER – KRISTY YOUNG

Kristy has been working in the Early Childhood sector for over 20 years in various capacities. Kristy has worked as a kindergarten teacher and director, Children's Services Advisor and then as an Authorised Officer for the Department of Education and Training (DET) and is now Curriculum Mentor for Guardian Early Learning Group. Join us for an educational evening and learn about Guardian's curriculum.

Point Cook Play & Early Learning Centre
 73 Inisfail Dr, Point Cook, Vic. 3030
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Point Cook Play & Learn
 Early Learning Centre



JOSEPH'S CORNER TRIVIA NIGHT

WHEN: Saturday 16th September, 2017
TIME: Doors open 7.00pm, with a 7.30pm start. 11:00pm finish.
WHERE: St Augustine's Hall, 61 Somerville Road, Yarraville.
COST: \$15 per person

**Bookings on 9315 2680 or
contact@josephscorner.org.au**

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Door Prize, Major Auction and Silent Auction.

All money raised goes to Joseph's Corner, a non-profit organisation providing free counselling and support services for families and friends of those living with alcohol or drug addiction.

Looking forward to seeing you there!