



Queen of Peace Newsletter



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Queen of Peace – Guiding the Way

Dear Parents and Carers

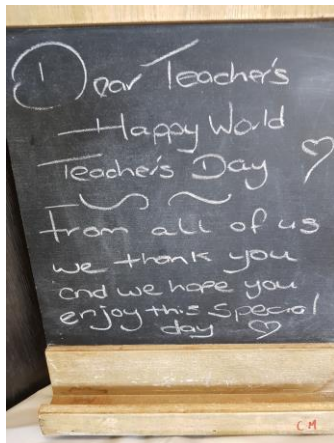
Congratulations to all of our Year 3 children who received the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) last Thursday evening. It was a lovely prayer time for families. Thank you to the Year 3 teachers and Mrs Gracias for all of their hard work in preparing the children.

Year 5 Camp

We welcome back our Year 5 campers who have spent the past three days at Camp Curumbene at Corop. I'm sure they had a wonderful time. Thank you to our teachers and parents for their care and supervision of the children during their time at camp.

Morning Tea

A big thank you to all of the generous families who provided the scrumptious morning tea for the staff to celebrate World Teachers' Day. We had a lovely time sharing the food you provided. We even had enough for lunch! We so appreciate the help from Mums who arrived early to set up this spectacular spread and then stayed back to completely clean up afterwards. Your time and efforts were certainly appreciated.



Hats & Sunnies

Queen of Peace is a SunSmart school so everyone is expected to wear hats and sunglasses whenever they are outside. A big thankyou to all of our families who have made sure that their children have hats and sunnies so they can play outside. Unfortunately we still have a small number of children who do not have sunglasses. I ask that this issue be addressed as soon as possible. It is important that broken or lost sunglasses are replaced to protect the children's eyes when they are outside playing or doing PE lessons. It is also very important that sunglasses have the child's name on them to avoid any confusion over ownership. If you need uniform items, the Uniform Shop is open every Monday morning. Parents are reminded to ensure that all items are labelled with your child's SURNAME at least.

Earn and Learn Points

Thank you to everyone who brought in stickers for our 'Earn and Learn' program. This year we have decided to use the points to get items for use in Visual Arts so Mrs Rigby has been selecting items that she will use in her art classes. A great effort!

Dear God,

Help me to remember
what is important; not
being surrounded by
things, but having my life
full of family, friends, love,
laughter, and most impor-
tantly You beside me every
step of the way!

Amen

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Growing Concern

We are seeing an increase in the number of parents coming in to pick up their children early. As our office is a busy place in the afternoons and especially on Fridays, I ask that any parents needing to pick up their children early for important appointments come before lunchtime to avoid placing undue stress on our office staff at peak times.

School Uniforms

This week we have been cracking down on school uniforms. There has been an increasing number of children not wearing their correct uniform. Leggings are not part of our school uniform so should not be worn, runners should only be worn on sport days, big hair bows are not to be worn although ribbons in uniform colours are fine. Nail polish, false nails & make up are not to be worn. Please check the uniform policy for details [Uniform Policy](#) If there is a reason why runners are being worn instead of black school shoes a note needs to be written to your child's classroom teacher.

Carpark

Over the past couple of weeks there have been a number of cars coming into the carpark and stopping if there are no parking spaces available. This creates traffic problems in the street and blocking cars from leaving the carpark. If parents or guardians cannot find a parking space in the carpark they must exit the carpark and park in the street. The carpark begins to clear fairly quickly so maybe coming 5-10 minutes after 3:30 it would be much easier to find space.

Working With Children Check

Parents, guardians, grandparents or other family members require a working with children check before they can come in our school to help out in classrooms. They can be arranged through the Post Office. As soon as you receive your card please give a copy to the office.

Celebration of Birthdays

Teachers make the birthday child in their room feel special in a number of different ways, including giving cards, singing, choosing from the prize box etc. Each class does it differently. If you wish to send something along to the class to celebrate your child's birthday, **it needs to be limited to a lollipop e.g. Chupa Chup or a Freddo Frog**. These are both safe alternatives for most children and a quick and easy to distribute. Due to the number of children with food allergies this is the safest option.

Parents who drop off forgotten items for their children after school has started can leave the items with our office staff who will make sure the children receive them. This will avoid any unnecessary interruptions to the children's learning.

Walking to School Month

Hope everyone is feeling strong and fit after walking, riding and scooting to school over the past month! It would be terrific to see families continue this commitment until the end of the year. A big thank you to all the mums, dads, grandparents and family members who joined the long QoP convoy every Wednesday & Thursday from Central Square, especially our teachers Mrs Wilson, Mrs Currie & Mrs Te. Lastly, a VERY BIG thank you to our dedicated senior students in the JSC, the school captains, the House captains and some very nice volunteers who were there to greet our walkers, riders and scooters with stickers and house points each week. House points will be tallied up and announced at the next assembly.

Anne Price
Acting Principal



Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 November

Please come & support the QoP Bunnings BBQ fundraiser this Sunday

We have many kind volunteers working at the Bunnings BBQ in Millers Road, Altona North this Sunday from 8am - 4pm. Please come and say hi to the friendly QoP crew and purchase a tasty snag or two! Don't forget to also let your family and friends know.

Skoolbag

It is important that all parents have access to the (free) Skoolbag app in order to receive information and alerts from the school. Instructions for how to install this app are on QoP website under the 'Parents' menu. If you are having trouble installing the app, please let office staff know.

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.



Count Us In

"Music Count Us In" is Australia's biggest school initiative celebrating music education in Australian schools. Every year QOP has put up it's hand to "Count us in" as we join with more than 500,000 students from over 2,500 schools nationwide to celebrate the joy of making music with others. This year's national Celebration Day is on **Thursday 2 November 12.30 EST**. Five lucky students from all around Australia helped write this year's song called "Shine together". (You may have heard your children singing or humming the tune.) Not long, now, until children all over Australia will all "Shine together"... singing the same song, on the same day, at the same time!

Religion News

The Month of the Rosary

Come and join our children this Monday 30 October at 2:30pm in the Church to pray to Rosary together. All welcome.

Year 5 Prayer Night

A date for your diaries: Tues 21 Nov, Year 5 Leadership/Prayer Night. More information to follow.

Sacramental Survey

We invite all parents from Sacramental year levels to please fill out the survey on our Sacramental program. We appreciate your input and responses.

Fr John has had to cancel some of the parish masses. We know that the Term 4 Parent Calendar has been given out, however we were informed about the changes after the calendar was sent out.

Friday 3 November- Year 1 Mass
 Friday 17 November - No Mass
 Friday 1 December - No Mass
 Friday 8 - December - Year 2 Mass
 Friday 15 December - Year 4 & 5 Mass
 Tuesday 19 December- Year 6 Graduation Mass
 Wednesday 20 December- End of School Year Mass

Sacrament of Confirmation 2018:

Sunday 27 May 2018

Please note that this is the correct date but the date may change due to circumstances beyond our control.

We still do not know the dates for Reconciliation and First Communion in 2018.

Laverton Catholic Parish

Parish Office – 9369 6877 laverton@cam.org.au

Fr John Healy – Parish Priest

Fr Daryl Montecillo – Assistant Priest

Sue Sherman – Secretary

Grace Gingco – Bursar

Liz Nissen – Baptism Coordinator

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
			6pm
		Sunday	8:00am
			11:00am
		Wednesday	9:15am
		Friday	9:15am
	Reconciliation	Saturday	10:00am–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

Advent Playgroup

Interested in helping your children get into the Christmas spirit in a fun environment as well as meeting some new parents? An exciting playgroup for preschool-aged children will start soon to help children celebrate the season of Advent and connect with the real Christmas story. Come along and let your children enjoy different activities each week, including art & craft, playdough, storytelling, games, music and cupcake decorating. To be held in the QOP school hall foyer and Peace Garden on Monday mornings: 27th November and 4th, 11th and 18th of December. Mingle from 9am for a 9:15am start. Sessions will run for 1.5 hours with coffee/tea for parents and healthy snacks for children to enjoy. This playgroup will be run by parent volunteers (Natalie Babic & Belinda Nieuwesteeg) and is supported by QoP Primary School and the Parish. It will be helpful if you can register your interest to ensure enough material and snacks are available. To do so, please message Natalie Babic on 0404 338 211.



Student Awards

Prep A	Eloise H	For displaying good literal comprehension
	Logan E	For beautiful handwriting
Prep B	Harrison O	For great reading at the Prep Parish Mass
Prep C	Luke R	For trying his best with his writing
Year 1A	Xavier N	For his excellent work in maths and sharing his knowledge of Australian coins
Year 1B	Lawson M	For his great writing about STEM week activities
Year 1C	Aarush K	For speaking very confidently at assembly when explaining his STEM challenge vehicle
	Angeliko I	For putting lots of effort into his work and all classroom activities
Year 2A	Mia M	For her willingness to always help others
Year 2B	Michael B	For his consistent effort in extending his knowledge of fractions
Year 2C	Violet S	For great work on the STEM activities
Year 3A	Ben T	For always sharing interesting and valuable ideas in FLI
Year 3B	Rihanna M	For being a very helpful member of our classroom
	Matthew F	For always being a supportive and friendly classmate to others
Year 3C	Jude G	For being creative in building a bridge during STEM week
Year 4A	Zayn P	For trying really hard at joining his letters together
Year 4B	Dhruva P	For always striving to achieve his best in every area
Year 4C	Sophie P	For trying hard with her text planning
	Anastasia P	For trying hard with her prediction and summarising skills
Year 5A	Mikayla B	For both displaying excellent communication and initiative skills during all camp activities
	Bridget F	
Year 5B	Nicholas O	For having a positive attitude and showing great resilience when giving all activities at camp a go
	Jorie C	For his amazing efforts and persistence with rock climbing at camp
Year 5C	Aden G	For trying his very best and completing the rock climbing wall at Camp Coroc
Year 6A	Ava L	For great maths – Tessallations – and always doing her best
Year 6B	Kayla F	For her consistent outstanding presentation of work
	Monica T	For her consistent outstanding presentation of work
Year 6C	Kayla B	For her hard working and persistence when learning elapsed time
	Emilia B	For always having a go and trying her hardest when learning elapsed time



STEM Week Reflection by Grade 1B

WOW! We had so much fun on Tuesday.
First we made 3D shapes. After that we made vehicles that can move without touching them. Next we made shapes using sticks.
Finally we did an experiment using egg shells and weights. It was a great day! - Abel 1B



QoP Uniform Shop

Shop open **Monday 30 October 8:30am-9:30am & Friday 10 November 2:30-3:30pm** (School closure day Monday 6 Nov).
Orders can be left with the school office if you are unable to attend at this time. Returns will only be accepted with receipt.
Please click on this link for the QoP [Uniform Policy](#)



Queen of Peace Parish Primary School

Parents & Friends



Dear Parents and Carers

BUNNINGS BBQ - THIS SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER

Thank you to everyone who will be helping out at the Bunnings BBQ at the Miller's Road, Altona warehouse this Sunday. The weather looks like it will be good, so if you are around Altona, pop in and say hello.

WORLD TEACHERS DAY MORNING TEA TODAY

Thank you very much to all the families who brought in something for the morning tea today and to those who helped with setting up and packing up. Many hands made light work and the teachers enjoyed a magnificent morning tea.

QOP MUMS TERM 4 SOCIAL EVENTS

DINNER AND LATIN DANCING - REVIEW

A fun night was had by the mums who came along to dinner and dancing last Saturday night at Club Station 59, Church Street, Richmond. Peruvian food was enjoyed and then the mums got their groove on to the live band playing authentic Latin american music.



SMALL IDEAS ACTIVITY BOOK MELBOURNE 2018

Orders were due in today, and for those who placed an order, you will receive further information soon. If you have any queries about this initiative, please send an email to pandf@gopaltonameadow.catholic.edu.au

MOVIE NIGHT - BAD MOMS' CHRISTMAS

THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER @ 6.30pm

Responses were due back yesterday, so if you would like to come but haven't sent your form in yet, please send an email to pandf@gopaltonameadow.catholic.edu.au over the weekend as numbers and payment are due to the Sun Theatre on Monday 30th October.

QOP WALK-A-THON

FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER

This is the final P&F fundraiser for the year. Walk-a-thon forms were sent home to each child last Friday. If you haven't received one, there are spare copies in the note stand in the office foyer. The junior children will be walking for an hour around the oval, covering around 4kms, whilst the senior children will be walking around the perimeter of the school for one and a half hours, covering around 6kms. Volunteers are required to supervise these walks - if you are free to help out, please send in your RSVP by next Thursday 2nd November. Sponsorship forms and money are due in by Wednesday 15th November - children will receive a bonus 40 house points for returning their sponsorship forms and money by the due date. Keep up the great walking during October and into November in preparation for the walk-a-thon!

PARENTS AND CARERS SOCIAL EVENTS SURVEY

Coming home soon via CareMonkey will be a survey asking for parents and carers thoughts and opinions regarding social events. We would really appreciate a few minutes of your time so that we can offer social events that resonate with the community.

NEXT P&F GENERAL MEETING - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The QOP P&F Annual General Meeting for 2017 (incorporating the eighth general meeting for 2017) is on Tuesday 28th November at 7pm in the Staff Room. All parents and carers are welcome and encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be available from shortly before and throughout the meeting, and we will do our best to be finished by 8:30pm.

All positions are open for election and their descriptions can be found in the P&F Constitution, which will be back up on the website soon. Please note that it is also possible for two people to "job share" a position, as was the case for the Secretary role this year. Please consider putting your hand up to help out our children and help strengthen the community here at Queen of Peace.

If you would like to raise any issues for discussion at the meeting, please send an email to pandf@gopaltonameadows.catholic.edu.au by Wednesday 22nd November outlining the issue, and send through any supporting information/documentation if necessary.

The Agenda will be posted on the P&F section of the school website on Friday 24th November at

<http://qopaltonameadows.catholic.edu.au/parents/#pfa>

The minutes of the seventh P&F General Meeting for 2017 will be available to download by Friday 3rd November from the P&F section on the school's website.

Information about the P&F AGM and the election of the Executive Committee (EC)

Nominations for all positions on the EC are now called for from QOP parents and carers. As per the P&F Constitution, all the elected members of the EC shall retire from office at the AGM, but shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment as follows:

- For EC members who have held a position for one year, they can re-nominate for the same position or any other position regardless of whether there are any other nominations for those positions.
- For EC members who have held a position for two consecutive years, they can only nominate for that same position if there are no other nominations. They can, however, nominate for any other position regardless of whether there are any other nominations for that position.

Please note:

- Nominations can be forwarded prior to the AGM via pandf@gopaltoneadows.catholic.edu.au
- Nominations must be seconded by an Ordinary Member at the meeting and accepted by the nominee
- If there is one nominee for a position, that nominee will be appointed
- For contested positions, an election will be held via secret ballot, and the outcome will be declared at the AGM. Only Ordinary Members (all QOP parents and carers) of the P&F are eligible to vote
- The EC roles and their descriptions can be found in the Constitution, which can be downloaded from the P&F section on the school's website

The AGM will commence at 7pm and include:

- The reading of the minutes of the previous AGM, dealing with any actions arising from the previous AGM
- The tabling of reports from the Principal, the President, the Treasurer, the Fundraising Officer, the Social and Pastoral Officer, the Grants Officer and the Gardens and Grounds Officer
- The election of EC members (any new members will take office at the start of the next school year)

The eighth General Meeting will then commence around 7:30pm and may finish after the usual target time of 8:30pm.

CUPPA BEFORE ASSEMBLY ON MONDAY

Don't forget there is a cuppa each Monday before Assembly from 2pm in the Hall Foyer. This Monday, there will be a cuppa before heading over to Rosary in the church.

Any questions or comments about any of the items listed in this newsletter can be emailed to pandf@gopaltoneadows.catholic.edu.au

Kind regards,
Brendan Halloran
(P&F President)



Anzac Appeal 2018

Queen of Peace is proud to once again support the ANZAC and Poppy Appeal. From Monday 30 Oct, the Junior School Committee will be selling a variety of fundraising items before school, under the sails area

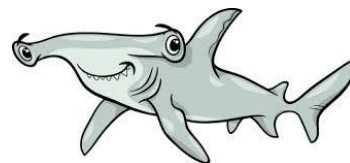


Hammerheads Swimming Squad

Runs in Term 4 and Term 1 every year.

Wednesday and Friday mornings 7am to 8am at the Laverton Swimming Pool.

Students may train one or both days. The parent/guardian of each child is responsible for transportation of the child to and from the pool. There is no cost to parents. The swimming squad is not an official school activity and is organised and run by parents. Parents/guardians are required to be present during training. If you have any further queries, please contact Tina 0422 575 393 or Cheryl 0419 205 243



School Banking

Term 4 reward items for 2017 from the Future Savers range have now been launched:

- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones



If you have 10 or more tokens, then send them in with your banking book and your written reward request.

TOKEN TRACKER – You can track how many tokens you have by downloading the CommBank Youth app (not available on Android). Further information on this and on school banking can be found at commbank.com.au/studentbanking.

FUTURE GAMES COMPETITION

As part of the Future Games competition, students can download and play the new Future Savers app from the App Store or Google Play from **Monday 16 October 2017**. The Future Savers app features augmented reality, letting students explore the future world, play games and learn about money with the Dollarmites in 3D.

Students who play the Future Savers app and complete the online entry form during the competition period will get a chance to win one of 50 Nintendo Switch Neon Console Packs. They will also need to make three or more School Banking deposits during the competition period, which gives them a chance to win one of the High Tech Prizes as well, including racing robots, activity trackers and 3D pen sets.

Key Future Games competition dates

Monday 14 August 2017: Competition starts from Monday 14 August and School Banking deposits made from this day will count towards competition entry

Monday 16 October 2017: Future Savers app available to download and Game 1 available to play

Monday 23 October 2017: Game 2 available to play on the Future Savers app

Monday 30 October 2017 Game 3 available to play on the Future Savers app plus complete the online entry form at commbank.com.au/futuregames

Friday 10 November 2017: Competition closes

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

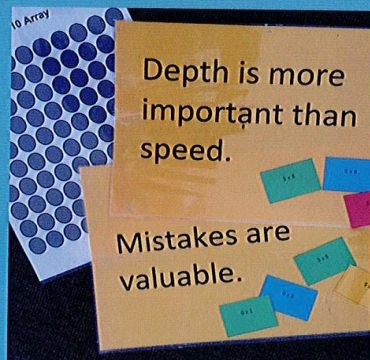
CANTEEN ROSTER

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

Mon 30 Oct	Tues 31 Oct	Weds 1 Nov	Thurs 2 Nov	Fri 3 Nov
Chamilka J	Amelia M	Michelle R	Mignon M 9:30-12:30 Pauline C	Emma F
Mon 6 Nov	Tues 7 Nov	Weds 8 Nov	Thurs 9 Nov	Fri 10 Nov
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Sabine Z	Michelle R	Naomi P Sharon M

PARENTS AS PARTNERS: EVERYONE CAN DO MATHS!

Justine Shelley
St Mary's Primary School, Hampton



We know approaches to maths have changed since we were at school and parents often ask how to help their child at home. We like to impart the message that they don't need to know all the answers. The biggest gift they can give their child, is to model a healthy attitude to maths - be a problem solver, be curious. Through avenues including newsletters, emails, parent maths nights and family maths nights, these are the key messages we've worked towards getting out to parents:

- Watch what you say about maths. It's quite common to hear adults proclaiming 'I'm just not a maths person' and 'I was never any good at maths'. Research now tells us that everyone can be a maths person, given the right opportunities. If you can foster the idea that it's possible to grow your maths brain, you will be doing your child a big service. Professor Carol Dweck's research on growth mindset, illustrates the value in praising effort, rather than intelligence. When giving your child verbal feedback, try 'you must've worked hard to figure that out' rather than 'you're so clever!' If children believe that they are only able to solve things because they are clever, it can stifle their growth.
- If they believe that intelligence is not fixed, but can be 'grown' they are more likely to engage in activities involving effort and will also be willing

to make mistakes and take risks in their learning. It is all too common for students to retreat in maths class due to fear of making mistakes.

- 'Never answer a maths question for your kids'. This powerful quote comes from Adam Spencer, 'the correct answer to 'Mum what's $5 + 8$ ' is not 13, it's 'that's a great question. Let's try and work it out'. Like having a child who plays piano, draws beautifully or can kick goals in footy, it's all about working at it and enjoying putting in that work' (Adam Spencer, Mama Mia, Nov 1, 2014).
- The definition of what makes a good mathematician has changed too. It's not all about speed and answering quickly. More valuable, are skills in reasoning and number sense, although we do still acknowledge that there are key skills which need to become automatic. Maths is about thinking things through, being a problem solver, exploring strategies and explaining how you would work it out. There are different ways to solve questions efficiently. Ask your child what they think and take it from there.
- It's really helpful to allow 'wait time' for your child to think. This promotes a positive and calm space for your child to solve questions. It shows that we value persistence and problem solving qualities, not just speed. Getting them talking about their maths is key!

In recent years, we have turned our attention to a key skill for students in Years 3-6; multiplication facts. We anecdotally hear many stories from adults who still experience a stressful response when they recall the fear instilled in them as students when the times tables were drummed in. In equal amounts, parents also lament 'at least we knew the times tables back then and students today do not'.

These are the messages we've shared with parents:

- We want students to know their multiplication facts (times tables) well. Not only do we want them to know the answers, but be able to explain their answers too. No longer do we ask students to simply memorise times tables without understanding. We want students to make links between different facts and use their logic and reasoning.
- How would you work out 13×6 ? When posing this question to students, we want students to be able to come up with suitable strategies. We don't want them to say they do not know, because it's not in the times tables. Perhaps you know $12 \times 6 = 72$, so then you'd add an extra 6. Or you'd do 10×6 and add 3×6 to it.
- When helping your child with multiplication facts, begin by putting the focus on strategy and understanding, ask 'how did you know that?' or 'If you forgot the answer, how could you work it out quickly?' Even ask them to draw a diagram to explain what the question means. Avoid jumping straight into memorising answers without the backing of understanding.
- Then students need to practice to become fluent. It's like learning to drive a manual car; in the beginning, everything is slower, as you think each step through. As your child gains confidence, start working on speed. Select a set of facts to learn at a time. Better to keep the learning of multiplication facts positive and don't get bogged down. Every little bit helps! But it's going to be hard to get back on track if your child 'shuts down' after a negative experience.

Justine Shelley and Natalie Bierman have co-created an online resource for multiplication facts; www.mfacts121.com

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News from Emmanuel College

Congratulations to the outstanding group of senior students commissioned at this week's assembly as College Leaders for 2018. They provided powerful reflections on how the Marianist identity of the College informs their leadership in committing to their roles of service. It was also exciting to welcome to this week's information evening the parents of our 2018 Year 7s – the Class of 2023!

The Graduation Mass for the Class of 2017 was celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral, followed by the Graduation Dinner at the Sofitel Hotel. The evening was a wonderful time of celebration for our Year 12s, their families and teachers. Congratulations to our graduates on the growth and learning achieved over their years at Emmanuel. We wish them all success as they complete final classes and prepare for their VCE exams.