



Queen of Peace Newsletter



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Queen of Peace – Guiding the Way

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our third newsletter for the term. Please take the time to read through this newsletter as it contains some important information. We are now at the end of week five. It's hard to believe how quickly the term is racing along. I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend and maybe even backed a winner in the Cup last Tuesday.

Congratulations

To Blake T (6C) and Christie C (6C) in Year 6 who have received a scholarship from Altona RSL to continue their education next year at high school. Well done!

Concern

There have been a number of children arriving at school just after 8:00am in the mornings. There are no teachers on duty until 8:30am which is the time the school gates open. Families are not to leave their children unsupervised at school before the gates open at 8:30am for safety reasons.

Prep 2018 Orientation

Our official Prep Orientation begins on Tuesday 14 November at 9:30am in the hall. Please make sure if you have a new Prep that you arrive on time and that it is a requirement that a family member stays to join in the conversation about next year with myself and others. I am looking forward to seeing the happy smiling enthusiastic young children during this time.

I am also looking for volunteer current families to come along on this morning to assist in leading a very simple activity with the new families. If you are a current parent with a new Prep you too can be part of this. If you can help please let Bridget Halloran or myself know.


End of Year Family Celebration

This year we are continuing on from last year's successful evening with an End of Year Family Celebration with the theme "Christmas Around the World". The evening will begin about 5:30pm with a family picnic in the school grounds. You might like to bring a picnic or there will be food available for purchase. From approximately 7.00pm each of our year levels will be performing songs from a variety of countries around the world with each year level focusing on one country. Families will be able to sit back on their rugs and chairs and enjoy a wonderful evening. Please mark Tuesday 12 December clearly on your calendar at home as we will be expecting all children and families to be part of this event. There will be no charge for the evening and you are not limited to who you bring so bring as many family members as you like.

End of Year & Beginning of Next Year Arrangements

So families can make arrangements for holidays etc, I would like to confirm the following dates for the end of this year and beginning of next year

- School for all children concludes with an end of year mass at 9.15am on Wednesday 20 December, followed by a final Assembly at 1.00pm. All children will be dismissed at 1.30pm
- Teachers return on Monday 29 January 2018
- Tuesday 30 January will be a Pupil Free Day as staff will be working with Michael Ymer on Mathematics
- Preps will begin 2018 on Thursday 1 February at 9.00am and finish at 1:30pm



In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

- Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

- Friday 2 February Preps will again go home at 1:30pm
- Friday 2 February Children in Years 1 - 6 will begin their 2018 at 9:00am and will be here for the full day

Sacrament Dates

- Reconciliation: Thursday 18 October 6:30 & 7:00pm
- Eucharist: Sunday 12 August. 2pm & 3:30 pm Mass
- Confirmation: Sunday 27 May 2pm & 4:30pm Mass

Anne Price
Acting Principal



Friday 24 November – Pupil Free Day

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 on 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 - 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.

Website Links

Thank you for your patience as we continue work on our new website. A number of links have just been reinstalled. Please have a look under 'Our School' to find 'Useful Links' and familiarise yourself with all that is available for parents and students.

Grade 5 Camp

We had a great time at Camp Currumbene here is some Grade 5 'Snapshot Writing' about our time at Camp:

Canoeing

Swoosh! We entered the water. We paddled as fast as we could "oh no!" We crashed into the bank, we quickly got out of the ditch. We now accelerated towards the bridge. We could hear "You're it" yellow team got tagged by the blue team, two teams left now! It is sudden death we were about to get tagged until..... - Deon 5B

Flying fox

Clip clip, I'm being harnessed in. The feeling of the wedgy was getting worse by the second. Finally I could go, I leapt of the platform, zzzzzzz I felt like I was flying, with a major wedgie, OUCH! The smell of the trees and grass was immaculate. I was so excited it was amazing. I could see everyone talking about all the great times they already had, at camp but this was my favourite activity. As I flipped upside down I felt the gravity spin and within seconds I hit the end. As Mrs Cassar spurts me with her water gun I start to remember the wedgy, it was worse now than it was before! I get unclipped and run the rope back. That was GREAT! - Joshua 5B

Gaga ball

I jumped into the pit full of sand not knowing what to do but I learnt how to play the game Gaga ball. I could hear yelling around me. Bang! Bounce!. The ball went as people whacked the all over the place. I felt sacred because I thought I was going to get hit by the ball. Now there were only four people including myself left in the pit, not knowing what to do I smacked the ball almost hitting someone. But I missed and almost got hit myself. There were now only three people left in the game. Bang! I was hit by the ball and was now out of the game. After the game I could feel the sweat running down my face. – Megan 5B

Gaga ball at camp

We play it's so fun bam! She is OUT! Oh no! I think the ball is coming towards me, as I dive the ball comes towards me. I smell salt air and sweat. Crash! I whack the ball. The other students shout as my feet kick the ball away. The people who are already out sit on the fence, but I am still in, I think to myself I could win... - Keenan 5B

Walk-a-thon Maths Quiz

We had superb weather for the Walk-a-thon today and perfect conditions for some fast laps!

Each junior lap = 200m and the senior lap = 900m.

Perhaps ask your child how many laps they completed today and work out together the total distance walked.

Religion News

Reconciliation Certificates

Will be handed out Monday 13 November at Assembly 2:30pm

Year 5 Prayer Night

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

Parish Masses

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

Sacraments for 2018:

Confirmation - Sunday 27 May 2018
First Eucharist – Sunday 12 August 2018
Reconciliation – Thursday 18 October 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

POSITION AVAILABLE - LAVERTON PARISH ASSISTANT

Wednesday and Thursday each week 9:00am to 4:00pm. Duties include:

- Running the Baptism program for infants as well as school aged children
- Planning and overseeing rosters and volunteers for 4 nursing homes and home visits
- General office work including producing the weekday Mass sheets, Sunday Mass sheets, children's liturgy sheets, updating yearly calendar, load thanksgiving envelopes onto computer and other office work

Must have knowledge of the Catholic faith, good people skills to work in a very busy environment, be proficient with Microsoft office (email, Word, PowerPoint) and have Working with Children and Police checks.

For more information please email the parish office at laverton@cam.org.au or phone 9369 6877

Applications should be posted to Laverton Parish PO Box 68 Laverton 3028 or emailed to laverton@cam.org.au.

Closing date for applications is Wednesday 22 November. Interviews will be held in mid-December for a mid-January start.

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	Kate W	For always showing patience and persistence.
	Alecia L	For having a go with enthusiasm and a big smile.
Prep B	Dawn S	For including lots of detail in her writing.
	Genevieve M	For including lots of detail in her writing.
Prep C	Alex C	For improving her writing.
	Gordon K	For improving his writing.
Year 1A	Alexis N	For always being a friendly and helpful member of our class.
	Vivienne P	For her fantastic inferences during guided reading.
Year 1B	Jessica B	For always completing her work and trying her best.
Year 1C	Ryan O	For trying hard to improve his writing.
	Nicholas O	For reading clearly and confidently at our class mass.
Year 2A	Alessio F	For his outstanding effort at the Walk-a-thon, walking 31 laps!
Year 2B	Lidya T	For being a responsible class member and consistently striving to achieve her best.
Year 2C	Zoe T	For a well structured procedure on a shiny fish.
Year 3A	Billy S	For being a valuable contributor to class discussion.
Year 3B	Charlize K	For working well in the classroom.
Year 3C	Ava T	For always putting in her best effort.
Year 4A	Isabella M	For writing a fabulous tribute for Remembrance Day.
Year 4B	Jessie J	For working really hard to catch up with her new group in reading.
	Bianca F	For completing some excellent work when searching for different angles in the class.
	Hoai H	For completing some excellent work when searching for different angles in the class.
Year 4C	Willow M	For trying hard with her Remembrance Day writing.
Year 5A	Adam M	For their excellent results whilst participating in Orienteering Championships at Brimbank Park
	Ryan V	
Year 5B	Zoe X	For consistently showing dedication to her learning and always trying her best with all her work.
Year 5C	Alexander O	For using a range of mathematical strategies during small group sessions and explaining his methodology to peers. Keep up the great work.
Year 6A	Clara P	For always joining in class discussion.
Year 6B	Maria J	For writing a terrific Explanation text about volcanoes.
	Nathan M	For working diligently on his "Chance & Data" activities
Year 6C	Joshua S	For his great job reciting the Rosary in front of the school.
Maths Award	Mariah G	For fabulous tutoring that made a difference.

Monica G

For taking responsibility for her own learning.

Good luck Juan-Felipe!

We wish Juan-Felipe (4C) all the best of luck as he competes in the **2x2 and 3x3 Rubrik's Cube Tournament** at Camberwell Grammar School Nov 18-19.

Juan's personal best is solving the 2x2 in 3.19 seconds and the 3x3 in only 21 seconds.

Can't wait to hear how you go Juan!



STEM Immersion Day

On the 24th and 25th Of October the Year 5s and 6s had a STEM Immersion Day. On this day people came from AKORN Educational Services and Engineers Australia to talk to us about designing new solutions to help people with disabilities. Someone from Disability Sports and Recreation came to talk to us about living with a disability, he also taught us how to play wheelchair basketball. We learned how to use crutches, walking frames and wheelchairs. At the end of the day we were given a STEM challenge to make a new innovative bathroom for people with disabilities. We learned a lot from this day and hope to teach others about it. - Gabrielle and Zayn 6a

Maths News



Another great year of Maths Olympiad and Games was had with the Year 4, 5 and 6 students.

Congratulations to the following Year 4 & 5 students who participated in **Maths Games**:

Lachlan N, Matthew J, Lachlan S, Sienna Z, Cameron H, Rohan B, Natalie P, Stephanie H, Dhruva P, Ariana D, Emilia K, Brodie R and Daniel M.

The following Year 5 & 6 students completed **Maths Olympiad**. Well done to Justin Duong who finished in the top 10% of the State and Isabelle Mendoza who received an Achievement award. Congratulations to:

Justin D, Alexander O, Neha A, Brodie M, Isabelle M, Hayden N, Kayla F, Ben M, Thomas M, Angelo M, Jeremy C, Jessica H, Henry H, Christopher P, Nicholas T, Jonathan K, Leo D and Gemma D.





Dear Parents and Carers

SAVE THE DATE - QoP PARENTS DINNER, THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER

The last social event for QoP parents for 2017 is the end of year dinner, to be held at the Altona RSL. It's a chance to catch up with other parents and reminisce about the year that has been and look forward to an exciting year ahead in 2018. A CareMonkey app will be going out soon with all the details.

QOP WALK-A-THON - REVIEW

Today's walkathon was held in fantastic conditions compared to recent years. Well done to all the students on all the laps they walked, and a huge thank you to all the volunteers who make the event possible. This was the final P&F fundraiser for the year. 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.

MOVIE NIGHT - BAD MOMS' CHRISTMAS - REVIEW

Twenty eight mums gathered at the Sun Theatre last night to watch the movie "Bad Moms' Christmas." The movie was a real hit with much laughter and merriment. Afterwards, almost all the mums kicked on to a local cafe, packing out the place and having a great catch up for with some nice food and beverage.

BUNNINGS BBQ - REVIEW

Thank you to all those who volunteered their time on Sunday 29th October at the Altona North Bunnings BBQ. The sun was shining and the wind was blowing the right way to carry the smell of sausages into the path of those leaving the store, with a record amount of \$1,952 raised for the benefit of our kids. Thank you to Bunnings Altona North for the opportunity and to Bakers Delight Altona and Kmart Altona Gate for their support of the BBQ.

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

Kind regards,



Brendan Halloran
(P&F President)

Library News



Thursday Pre School Storytime

"We read a book about dogs, then we made a mask!"

QoP Uniform Shop

Shop open **Friday 10 November 2:30-3:30pm, Monday 13 & 20 November 8:30am-3:30pm**. 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](#)

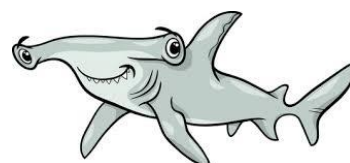
Hammerheads Swimming Squad

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



CANTEEN ROSTER

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

Mon 13 Nov	Tues 14 Nov	Weds 15 Nov	Thurs 16 Nov	Fri 17 Nov
Cheryl P	Michelle R	Bridget H	Mignon M Pauline C	Gina P Naomi P
Mon 20 Nov	Tues 21 Nov	Weds 22 Nov	Thurs 23 Nov	Fri 24 Nov
Chamilka J	Michelle R	Belinda N	Jessie & Samuel	PUPIL FREE DAY

News from Emmanuel College

We look forward to welcoming Grade 4s and 5s to the annual Emmanuel Soccer Tournament to be held next week. Over 200 players will represent their schools, giving their all and displaying the spirit of sportsmanship that is a hallmark of the day. Well done to the Emmanuel Soccer Academy students who have been involved in planning the day and will be running key aspects of the tournament, including refereeing all games.