



## Queen of Peace Newsletter



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### ***Queen of Peace – Guiding the Way***

Dear Families, Staff, Students and Friends

Thank you to the parents who attended the 3-Way Learning Conferences on Monday and Tuesday evening. Research tells us that learning is enhanced when students take ownership of their own learning. The 3-Way Conferences allow students to discuss their learning with parents and teaching staff. The teachers acknowledge that the parents are the 'first' teachers and as such have valuable information that will inform teaching.

The Parent and Friends Association held their first meeting of the year last Tuesday in the school staff room. A small but very passionate group of parents were in attendance and the executive committee for 2018 was formed. I would particularly like to thank President Teresa Prismall for her work in preparing for the 2018 year. There will be many occasions when you will be asked to support the P&F, I hope all can offer their services at least. Please ensure you read the P&F report in this newsletter.

In my short time at Queen of Peace I have made a few very positive observations. Teachers at Queen of Peace, with the support of the Leadership Team, maintain high quality teaching with high expectations while encouraging students to strive for their personal best. Focused learning groups and explicit teaching are vehicles for meeting children's individual learning needs.

The Queen of Peace students benefit from rigorous staff 'team' approaches to planning; teaching that focuses on individual student's learning and social needs; staff access to ongoing, relevant training, and the use of research, resources and data to inform decisions about learning and teaching. Teachers continue to explore the nature of how children learn best and to actively engage them in taking responsibility for their own learning.

**Darren Gibbons**  
Principal

Term 1:	Friday 2 February – Thursday 29 March
Term 2:	Monday 16 April – Friday 29 June Pupil Free Day Thurs 17 May
Term 3:	Monday 16 July – Friday 21 September
Term 4:	Monday 8 October – Wednesday 19 December

**Have you changed your Mobile no? Address? Email?**  
**PLEASE INFORM SCHOOL OFFICE**

## ***Lent Reflection***

### ***Temptation in the Desert***

Jesus was not only tempted by the devil in the desert; throughout his ministry he was constantly tempted to compromise his mission. In our world today, we can also be tempted to be distracted by the messages we receive to have more, to want power, to be noticed. Lent is a great time to take some time to reflect on our lives and think about which one of these is a distraction for us and keeps us from building God's kingdom:

- ***an attachment to possessions*** – how much time do we give to thinking about what we have and how we can buy more?
- ***a love of power*** – how often do we engage in wanting to control others and manipulating them for our own gain?
- ***a desire for recognition*** – how much time do we spend on social media wanting to be noticed and looking for attention?

# Religion News

**Sunday 25 February 11am Mass -**  
**School Leaders have been invited and will receive a blessing**

## Prayer Nights

Year 1 – Tuesday 6 March  
 Prep – Monday 19 March

## Sacrament Family Nights 2018

Confirmation – Thursday 26 April at 7pm  
 Eucharist – Tuesday 17 July at 7pm  
 Reconciliation – Tuesday 18 September at 7pm

## Sacraments for 2018

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

*Please note that these dates are currently correct but may change due to circumstances beyond our control.*

## SCHOOL AGED BAPTISMS

If you would like your school aged children baptised,  
 they will need to attend class on  
**Wednesday 8 March in Queen of Peace Church**  
**4:00 – 5:00pm.**

One parent must be a baptised Catholic.  
 For inquiries, please call the Parish Office on 9369 6877.

## Laverton Catholic Parish

Parish Office – 9369 6877 [laverton@cam.org.au](mailto:laverton@cam.org.au)

Fr John Healy – Parish Priest  
 Tho Tran – Deacon

Sue Sherman – Secretary  
 Grace Gingco – Bursar  
 Liz Nissen – Baptism Coordinator

### **LAVERTON PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of the month (except January)  
 11am and 6pm at Queen of Peace 9am at Stella Maris

#### **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
			10:00am–10:30am
	Reconciliation	Saturday	

#### **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

## CareMonkey

Please ensure your child's CareMonkey profile is up to date.

## FlexiBuzz App

In a major effort to become more sustainable and use far less paper, we will be using the FlexiBuzz App more this year to communicate to the whole community. Paper newsletters will be phased out during the year and will no longer be available in the Foyer. It will be shared via Flexibuzz and uploaded onto the school website. Please make sure you have downloaded the App so you can receive updates. Instructions about how to download it have been sent through CareMonkey.

## School Fees

Family accounts were sent via Australia Post last Friday. Application forms for CSEF and Direct Debit were also included. Any queries can be directed to the school's Bursar, Mrs Cathy Tutton.

## Reminder from Sick Bay

If your child requires **medication** at school, a medication form must be completed by parents. Medication **will not be given to children** unless we have written permission from parents. Forms are available from the office foyer and the school website.

## Asthma Action Plans

QoP is an Asthma Accredited School and requires all children who suffer from asthma to provide the school with an Asthma Action Plan **ANNUALLY**. **New** Asthma action plans were sent home with children's medication at the end of last year. Forms are also available on our website and from the office. Please return completed forms to school with your child's **asthma medication & SPACER**. Using a spacer with a puffer ensures that more medication reaches the airways. Spacers are an essential part of the Asthma First Aid procedure that Victorian schools/preschools are instructed to follow.

## Anaphylaxis

Allergies are becoming more prevalent in our society. Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening. Minimising risk protects vulnerable children and reduces opportunities for incidents. **We ask that all families avoid sending peanut butter, other nut products (this includes Nutella) as well as egg sandwiches in your child's recess/lunch box.** We discourage sharing of food. If your child is diagnosed with anaphylaxis please contact the office.

## Birthday treats at school

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. Chuppa Chup or a Freddo Frog. These are both safe alternatives for most children and are quick and easy to distribute. Anything other than these items will be sent back home with the birthday child.

## PARISH OF LAVERTON

### PREP 2019 PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

If you are considering enrolling your child in a Catholic Primary school in Laverton, Altona Meadows or Point Cook, we invite you to come along and join us at the Parish of Laverton Enrolment Meeting

**Tuesday 13 March at 7pm**

#### QUEEN OF PEACE PRIMARY SCHOOL (HALL)

Information about school and Parish boundaries and the enrolment process will be shared.  
Enrolment packs will be available for collection after the meeting

**Parents of preps 2019 who already have children at Queen of Peace need not attend.  
Please come to the office instead on Wednesday 14 March to collect an Enrolment Pack.**

### Story time for Pre schoolers

Every Thursday at 9am in the School Library with Mrs Favata. Come along for some stories, singing, and activities!



### Wool for Visual Art

Many thanks to everyone who has donated wool to the Art Space. The children in Grades 5 and 6 are really enjoying being able to use it for weaving at present. The wool will be used in a variety of different ways by all classes from time to time. If you have spare wool please continue to drop it in. Sue Rigby, Visual Arts Teacher

### Coles Sports for Schools

When you shop at Coles you'll receive Sports for Schools vouchers that we will be able to exchange for sports gear. You can donate these to the school by placing in the special box in the office foyer. The promotion runs until 11 May.

### Woolworths Earn & Learn

At right is a photo of our students proudly displaying all the art supplies the school recently received from the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. We grateful to the community for your support and you can be reassured the students will use and appreciate all the resources we received. Thank you for your efforts.



### Collecting children early

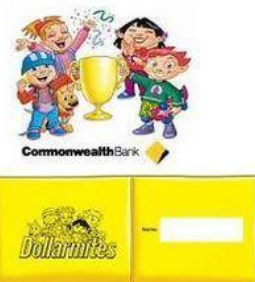
To avoid disruption to classrooms, if children need to be collected early they should be picked up at the lunch break (**at 1:30pm Monday or 1:40pm Tuesday to Friday**). It is also very disruptive for classes and the office to be passing on messages to children in the afternoons. It would be appreciated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

### QoP Uniform Shop

Open Fridays 2:30-3:30pm. 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 the link for the QoP: [Uniform Policy](#)

### Commbank School Banking -

School banking day is every TUESDAY. Any new students to the program will receive your student number with your first deposit at school. The process for school banking is as follows: Students bring in their deposit books with their money on a Tuesday morning, give them to their classroom teacher, where it is then sent to the office in the note tub to be banked.



Students receive a Dollarmites token each time they bank. Once they have 10 tokens, they can then send them in with their next deposit to redeem the tokens for a reward.



# Student Awards

Prep A	Ryder M	For being super organised in the morning.
	Juwan K	For sharing his thinking with others.
Prep B	Alex O	For picking up litter and caring for our school environment.
	Klara B	For being kind and helpful to her classmates.
	Joshua M	For being a keen and enthusiastic learner.
Prep C	Liam A	For being happy in our classroom.
Year 1A	Sophie C	For being a wonderful helper in the classroom.
Year 1B		
Year 1C	Anna C	For making a confident and positive start to the year at her new school.
	Emilio F	For a fantastic effort in practicing his reading every night at home.
Year 2A	Diya A	For a great start to the year as a new member of Queen of Peace.
Year 2B	Charlotte M	For consistent effort with her writing and helping others.
Year 2C	Jessica S	For a great start to Year 2.
Year 3A	Graeme S	For settling well into grade 3 and working hard during activities.
Year 3B	Anastasia H	For her excellent presentation of her work.
Year 3C	Bianca O	For her extremely creative story, "The Giant Food Fight".
	Hunter G	For always contributing to class discussions.
Year 4A	Summer L	For consistently showing dedication to her learning and always trying her best with all her work.
	Bianca V	For being a responsible class member and consistently striving to achieve her best.
Year 4B	Amelia P	For always putting her best effort into her learning.
Year 4C	Isabella J	For developing great problem solving on a digital problem and sharing her knowledge with others.
Year 5A	Alandrew B	For always thinking of, and helping others.
Year 5B	Joshua F	For being an outstanding role model to his buddy, showing patience and kindness.
	Alessia S	For her outstanding presentation and beautifully decorated All About Me box.
Year 5C	Daniela B	For settling well into Year 5 and taking on board new learning experiences.
Year 6A	Adam M	For being a fantastic buddy and friend to his Prep buddy.
Year 6B	Jakob C	For his excellent work on reading timetables.
Year 6C	Matthew J	For his positive attitude towards learning.



Queen of Peace Parish Primary School

Parents &amp; Friends



Dear Parents and Carers

## Parents & Friends Meeting: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Thanks to everyone who came along to our first Parents and Friends Meeting for 2018. You can access the Minutes on the QoP Website under the Parents and Friends tab. I am pleased to announce the Executive Committee of 2018 and look forward to working with throughout the year.

### **Executive Committee of 2018**

President: Teresa Prismall

Vice-President: Sharon Hobson

Co-Secretaries: Ronnie Tucker & Jacky Milat

Treasurer: Maureen Puopolo

Vice –Treasurer: Gina Peterson

Fundraising Co-ordinator: Rebecca Whelan

Social Co-ordinator: Brendan Halloran

Pastoral Co-ordinator: Bridget Halloran

Gardens and Grounds: Justin Magro

Grants: (Unfilled)

## Prep Welcome BBQ

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February the P&F hosted a **Prep Welcome BBQ**. It was a great way to informally meet other Prep parents and watch the children play with new friends and socialise with siblings. Thanks to all the staff and family members who came along on the night. A special thanks to Bridget & Brendan Halloran for organising the event and to Kim Shields, Melanie & David Griffin, Celeste Ryan and Mignon Mahoney for all their help on the night.

## Save the Date

Bunnings BBQ: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April at Altona Bunnings

Hope you have a great weekend,

**Teresa Prismall**

**P&F President 2018**

## **Faith Life Inquiry**



At the beginning of the school year mass, Fr John invited the children to be welcoming people during this Lenten journey. Here is a display of the children's doors that they have made in art.

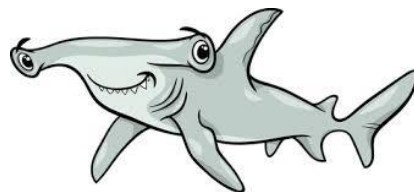
## Newsletter

The QoP Newsletter is published fortnightly. The newsletter is available on the FlexiBuzz App and the school's website.

## 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



## News from Emmanuel College

"Meet the Principal" school tours:

St Paul's campus, Weds 7 March, commencing 9:00am

Notre Dame Campus, Thurs 15 March, commencing 9:00am

For more information phone 8325 5119 or email [enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au)

*Congratulations to Nathan Goetz, Class of 2001 on his induction to the College Roll of Honour. After graduating Dux, Nathan accepted a scholarship to Bond University in Law and Arts. He was later appointed Associate to a County Court judge; Senior Lawyer, Legal Aid; and then policy officer for the Attorney-General. Nathan was senior prosecutor in the Northern Territory, which involved extensive work with remote indigenous communities and is currently a full time member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, Sydney, primarily dealing with refugee cases.*

## News Mount St Joseph Girls' College

Next open morning will be held Thursday 15 March 9:15 – 10:30am.

## Italian Language Classes

Associazione Culturale L'Aurora hold classes at Lumen Christi on Saturday afternoons for students in Prep to Year 12. For further information visit [www.lauroraschool.com.au](http://www.lauroraschool.com.au) phone 9898 4707 or email [aurora@optusnet.com.au](mailto:aurora@optusnet.com.au)

## Families in Touch

Families In Touch is an all-inclusive program, where people of all ages can participate in Touch Football games and activities on the same field, at the same time. Touch Football Victoria in partnership with VicHealth will launch this initiative across 3 locations in early 2018, with each program running for 5 weeks. Given the social nature of our great sport of Touch Football, we encourage families, friends, community groups and certainly individuals who are interested in increasing their physical activity levels to come and try this new program. The program will start by introducing basic skills of the game through interactive drills and activities, then transitioning participants into Touch Football games within final few weeks.

**Altona Meadows: Weds 5-6pm Feb 28, Mar 7, 14, 21, 28.**

Cost: \$30 for children or \$60 for participants over the age of 13yrs.

Visit Touch Football Victoria website [http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc\\_page.cgi?c=1-703-0-0-0&SID=401571](http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-703-0-0-0&SID=401571)

Or register here <https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?aID=6486&pKey=4ff06e4e2de73528146eee9a84ad316a&formID=59722>

Dear Queen of Peace Parents

**Can you please ensure you book your children online**

[www.oshclub.com.au](http://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.

[queenofpeace@oshclub.com.au](mailto: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](http://www.oshclub.com.au)

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

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





## Stella Market

Come and enjoy the wonderful  
ambience of our 2018 Stella Market.

With a variety of stalls, there's  
something for everyone to enjoy!

Accessories	Homewares
Art Activities	Jewellery
Baby Goods	Kid's Costumes
Beauty	Leather Goods
Candles	Massage
Cleaning	Perfume
Confectionery	Photography
Fashion	Sports Clubs
Gift Hampers	Salt Lamps
Handmade	Toys

Plus a whole lot more!

Remember to make your way to  
the school hall!

"I love the Fun Day, especially the cake  
stall and market area. The kids have a  
ball on the rides and everyone is happy!"  
Mel, Point Cook.