



Queen of Peace Newsletter



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Queen of Peace – Guiding the Way

Dear Families, Staff, Students and Friends

Welcome to our final newsletter for the term. A short term, but filled with great learning experiences for the children and staff.

We are now entering into the end of Holy Week with Holy Thursday and Good Friday next week. It is important to remind ourselves of just what Easter is about and what it means to Christians all over the world. Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the most important Christian festival, and the one celebrated with the greatest joy. Without Easter there would be no Christianity. Without Jesus' suffering, his execution and subsequent resurrection there would be no Christianity, for however terrible his suffering was, it was part of God's plan for the salvation of humankind.

Next Thursday we celebrate Holy Week with the Stations of the Cross at the 100 Steps. I have heard much about this tradition at Queen of Peace and on Tuesday after school I walked up to this peak for the first time. I was struck by how beautiful the venue is for such a celebration. I am greatly looking forward to this experience next Thursday. Thank you to Mrs Gracias and Miss Price for organising the ceremony and thank you to all of the parents and families that will join us to make it a very special community celebration.

I would like to thank all of the staff for their contribution to a wonderful term. We are very fortunate to have a group of such dedicated teachers, learning support officers, admin and ancillary staff who are all focused on the children and making this school the best school it can be. Thank you also to all of our families for your part in the education journey of your children and to the strong community we are building.

I hope you all take the time to reflect on the Easter message and to take a break and spend some quality time with your children and family.

Camp

The Year 6 students departed on Tuesday morning for 3 day camp to Billabong Ranch in Echuca. They will return to QoP on Friday evening at around 5pm. We have 69 students attending and six staff members. Thank you to the staff who are attending: Loren O'Toole, Marija Woods, Suzanne Gracias, Natalie Enright, Peter Carlisle and Pauline Cassar. This is a considerable commitment from the staff, as they are away from their own families for these days and given significant amounts of their time before and during the camp. We thank them for their ongoing commitment to the students.

School Vision

The staff are currently working on revisiting our vision and will also work with Janine Luttick from the ACU on Term 2 Closure Day, on defining, exploring and analysing what is important to our community. Staff, students and Parent input will be sort and valued.

A VISION is – a succinct statement which outlines our vision for learners in our school
In PRACTICE – a school gives life to the vision through its practice, context and strategy

On Tuesday 17 April from 9:15 to 9:45am we will be holding a community conversation which you are welcome to attend. Community conversations offer an opportunity for parents to be involved in discussion centred around creating a new Vision Statement for Queen of Peace.

Finally, we wish Mrs Manger and her husband Wade all the best as they await the birth of their second child within the next couple of weeks. Today is Mrs Manger's last day at QoP for a little while and we look forward to hearing their good news when their baby is born. I'm sure Blake will prove to be a wonderful big brother!

Darren Gibbons
Principal

Prayer for Easter

O Lord,
How amazing is your love,
A love that overcomes, endures
and redeems.
How astounding is your life,
A life that sustains, heals and
creates.
How awesome is your hope,
A hope that promises, restores
and inspires.
How absorbing is your truth,
A truth that releases, changes
and rebuilds.

How we worship you, as we
remember the moment when
your love conquered.
When out of the cave of sorrow
Jesus arose to release
forgiveness to the world.
And each time we encounter
this resurrection day we are
again lifted to an eternal place.
Our sin, brokenness and
darkness fall away and your
light and peace flood our lives.
How we thank you for this
incredible celebration we call
Easter.

Amen.



School Term 1 will finish 1:30pm 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.

Religion News

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.

Laverton Catholic Parish

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Fr John Healy – Parish Priest
Tho Tran – Deacon

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

LAVERTON PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY

2nd and 4th 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
	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

Holy Week: Walk to the 100 Steps

We will be celebrating Holy Week on Thursday 29th March with our traditional walk up to the 100 steps. Meet at Sails Area at 9:15am where we will focus on the importance of Lent. From there we will journey up to the 100 steps where we will re-enact the events of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Resurrection. **Parents, grandparents or members of the parish are welcome to join us on our walk.** We would like everyone to participate in our celebration of Holy Week by dressing up in a costume from the time of Jesus. All children can wear their sports uniform and come to school with their costume over their sports uniform. **Students are required to bring a towel to sit on (pop this inside a plastic shopping bag), their water bottles, their hats and it is recommended that everyone apply sunscreen in the morning. You might also like to apply insect repellent to your child.**

We will be distributing bread to everyone during the Holy Thursday part of the re-enactments. If you or your child has an **allergy** to bread, you may like to bring your own so that you can still participate in this part.

We will mark areas where the events will take place with cones and we ask that parents take care to avoid sitting in this areas and make sure that the view of the children is not blocked.

When we return to school the children will have their hot cross bun if they have ordered one. If the weather turns nasty or wet we will move our celebration to the hall.

Mass for St Patrick's Day

On Friday 16 March a group of Year 6 students travelled with Suzanne Gracias and Mr Gibbons to celebrate the annual Mass for Schoolchildren. Held in Melbourne's St Patrick's Cathedral on the eve of the Irish saint's feast day, the cathedral was bursting with students from a multitude of primary and secondary schools, as well as family members and teachers.

Archbishop Denis Hart was the principal celebrant and was joined at the altar by Bishop Terry Curtin, Bishop Peter Elliott, Vicar General Monsignor Greg Bennet, Dean Fr John Salvano, Cathedral Master of Ceremonies Fr Linh Pham, our very own Fr John Healy and many other priests of the Melbourne Archdiocese.



Sports News

Well done to all of the children who represented QoP and the Laverton District at the recent Division Swimming Competition. All of you performed and behaved in a way that you should be proud. There were some placegetters at this years Divisional competition including:

3rd place: Adam M, Zack H, Joshua W and Matthew B in the 4 x 50m freestyle relay
 3rd place: Adam M, Zack H, Lachlan S and Colin L in the 4 x 50m medley relay
 1st place: Adam M in Butterfly
 2nd place: Adam M in Freestyle
 3rd place: Zack H in Backstroke
 1st place: Colin L in Freestyle
 1st place: Colin L in Breastroke
 1st place: Mia M in Butterfly

We wish them the best of luck for their upcoming competition.



Mia M (3B), Adam M (6A) and Colin L (5A) will now progress to compete at the Regional Swimming Championships in Geelong.



Congratulations also to Matthew M (5B) who recently came 11th in the Little Athletics State Championships for discus.

Dominic M (2A) and Jordan M (6C) participated in the Weet-Bix TRYathlon. Fantastic effort boys!



Congratulations

Last year Mikayla B (6C) was selected as one of 6 Junior Lord Mayors, representing Queen of Peace. Mikayla was given the opportunity to join this year's Moomba parade.



Art Competition

In Art, there was an announcement about an Art Competition. Eight people from each class had signed up to enter a competition and I was one of the eight from my class. I was excited to do this, even though it would take up my recess and lunch. When I heard the theme, seasons, I knew exactly what to do. We had a few lessons and I was nearly done, with the help of Leanna. Leanna and I are a good team as we work together very well, so I must give her some credit. My painting was finished, a beautiful purple blossom tree. I chose the season to be spring, since it is a time where flowers start to bloom and everything looks nice. It would be great to be one of the top finalists in the competition. – Zoe X (6C)

Prep 2019 Enrolments

The Parish of Laverton is now accepting applications for enrolment in Preps 2019. Please come to the office to collect an Enrolment Pack or else send an email to enrolments@gopaltonameadows.catholic.edu.au if you would prefer it emailed. We would appreciate your applications are lodged before Easter, official closing date for applications is 4pm Friday 20 April 2018.

CareMonkey

There are quite a few requests out at the moment, please ensure you check your email notifications and respond.

QoP Uniform Shop

Open Fridays 2:30-3:30pm.

There will also be another day for you: Thurs 29 March (last day of Term 1) 12:30-1:30 *remember students finish at 1:30pm.

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](#)

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.



Fete Update

Fete Sponsorship packages came home today. Please assist the fete committee by taking this sponsorship package to your business contacts.

Save the date for parent art and craft workshops on Friday 27th April at 12:30pm.

Don't forget to check us out on facebook (follow, share, like).
Search for QoP fete in the meadows 2018.



Reminder for Parents in the car park

Parents must take their kids with them whenever they get out of the car, just as they do their everyday valuables, to avoid potentially tragic consequences. Children can and do die in hot cars. **Even on mild days** the temperature inside a parked car can be 20-30 degrees hotter than the temperature outside. The risk of heatstroke and dehydration is very real.



CANTEEN ROSTER

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

Mon 26 Mar	Tues 27 March	Weds 28 March	Thurs 29 March	Fri 30 March
Madlen Z	Michelle R	Belinda N Michelle	1:30 finish	GOOD FRIDAY
TERM 2				
Mon 16 Apr	Tues 17 Apr	Weds 18 Apr	Thurs 19 Apr	Fri 20 Apr
CJ	Frank S	Poppy	Teresa Michelle	Peta
Mon 23 Apr	Tues 24 Apr	Weds 25 Apr	Thurs 26 Apr	Fri 27 Apr
Madlen Z	Sal	ANZAC DAY	Teresa Michelle	Gina P

Student Awards

Prep A	Joren B	For awesome reading at Prayer Night
	Joel P	For super reading at Prayer Night.
Prep B	Hazel G	For working hard and showing progress with reading.
	Marcus M	For working hard and showing progress with reading.
Prep C	Amelia C	For being friendly and caring towards others.
Year 1A	Peter H	For trying his best in reading and for being a great listener.
Year 1B	Lily J	For writing a great description about herself.
Year 1C	Sybrand A	For making a confident start to his new school.
	Noah D	For trying hard to be a good role model to his classmates by tracking the speaker with his eyes.
Year 2A	Rose H	For helping a friend upload their reading video to Seesaw.
Year 2B	Samuel T	For working his best in all areas of learning.
	Lucas T	For making good choice about his learning and trying his best with his writing.
Year 2C	William P	For writing a fabulous description on a chocolate cake.
	Tyler C	For a wonderful effort in our Camp Day activities.
	Annabelle H	For sequencing the days of Holy Week correctly.
	Elijah T	For always working hard.
	Vivienne P	For using a range of strategies to help read unfamiliar words.
	Ananthu A	For always making good choices.
Year 3A	Oscar K	For presenting the most engaging and impressive mindset presentations.
	Rianna Q	For putting lots of effort into her growth mindset presentation.
Year 3B	Olivia K	For displaying a growth mindset when asking for feedback on her work.
Year 3C	Milla F	For her great work in writing, reading and interpreting 6-digit numbers.
Year 4A	Bianca V	For her contribution in solving key inferences during reading groups.
Year 4B	Olivia B	For courageously sharing her emotions and thoughts with the class.
Year 4C	Lochlan D	For a well presented oral presentation of 'My Identity'.
Year 5A	Tony C	For an amazing Maths Enlargement Transformation!
Year 5B	Jesmond B	For always trying his best with all classwork and his great contributions to discussions.
	Mia F	For showing kindness and always being ready to help others.
Year 5C	Isabella M	For persevering and using new strategies when solving BODMAS equations.
Year 6A	Riley S	For his fantastic participation at camp!
Year 6B	Mia J	For representing the school so proudly at St Patrick's Diocese Mass.
	Joshua W	For always being attentive during class time.
Year 6C	Lachlan S	For always considering the feeling of others and helping out around the class.
	Jordan M	For being an encouraging and supportive friend.



Queen of Peace Parish Primary School

Parents & Friends



President's Report

Term One is coming to an end with only 3 and a half days of school left. Thursday's **Walk of Witness** will be a lovely way to celebrate and focus on the religious meaning of Easter. Thank you to all the people who have volunteered to help out with preparing the **Hot Cross Buns**. With so many hands helping our aim is to be finished by **9:15am** so that we can all walk with our children and be a part of this memorable day.

Community Involvement Survey: Please look out for a CareMonkey survey that will allow you all to have your say, share ideas and get involved in The QoP Social gatherings. Whether it be the Movie Night or the Bowls night, from High Tea to Pizza and beer- all the past events have been enjoyed by those in attendance and we hope these events continue to grow in our community. Your thoughts/ideas on Working Bees is also valuable to us.

Bunnings BBQ - Sunday 29th April. Please reply to the CareMonkey Form with the timeslot that you can help out. If you are unable to help on the day donations toward the costs of purchasing items are greatly appreciated too. Please contact pandf@gopaltoneadows.catholic.edu.au with any queries.

Thanks to everyone who attended our P&F Meeting on Tuesday night. Minutes of the meetings will be emailed to each family via CareMonkey. Our next general meeting is on **Tuesday 22nd May at 7pm**. Please put it in your diary and we look forward to seeing you there.

I hope you all get time to enjoy each other over the holiday break. Time is too precious and these children are growing up too fast.

Stay safe,

Teresa Prismall
2018 P&F President

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***Also seeking volunteers to help make scones, cakes and small sandwiches for the event.**