



Queen of Peace Newsletter



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Queen of Peace – Guiding the Way

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter for the term 2. I hope you had a very safe and restful break with family and friends over the Easter weekend and term break. Term 2 is a very important term for learning. Routines and school procedures are now well established and children are also continuing to build on relationships with new and old friends.

I thank the parents who attended our workshop on the school vision on Tuesday morning, your input is highly valued.

ANZAC Day Commemorations

Next Monday at 2:30pm we will be commemorating ANZAC Day during our assembly. We would love to have parents join with us at this time if you are available.

Our School Leaders will be attending the Dawn Service at **Altona on ANZAC Day** with Peter Carlisle, Cameron Menadue and Suzanne Gracias They will be laying a wreath from our school during the service. You may like to attend if you are planning on going to a Dawn Service.

Uniforms

Please be aware that all children should be in their full winter school uniform by the beginning of May. I think by then, the bout of unseasonably warm weather should be over. If you are in need of winter uniform pieces please visit the uniform shop. The school's uniform policy is on the website- follow the link below:

<http://qopaltonameadows.catholic.edu.au/> It is also detailed on the next page for your reference.

School Closure days Term 2

Thursday 17th May - This day will involve Professional Learning for staff in THRASS and literacy strategies to enhance student learning at Queen of Peace.

Tuesday 12th June - The staff will be revisiting our vision with Janine Luttick, Australian Catholic University, to define, explore and analyse what is important to our community.

Fruit Break

Queen of Peace has adopted a fruit break in classrooms each day. Research has shown that the fructose (sugar) found in fruit promotes brain activity and can help boost energy levels in the middle of the long morning work session. Parents are asked to send only fresh fruit, vegetables or water for the fruit break. For younger children, the fruit should be chopped and put into a small container as this makes it easier to manage. Grapes, strawberries, watermelon or fruit in season are suggested.

Building refurbishment and administration redevelopment

Queen of Peace has had little building and refurbishment during its time, and is desperate for redevelopment to cater for 21st Century learning and our growing needs. In partnership with Minx Architects, we have developed a master plan to transform our learning spaces in preparation for the future. Stage 1 of this plan has been approved by the Australian Government with a Capital Grant of \$1,500,000 to assist with the refurbishment and construction of learning and administration areas. The project involves refurbishing and extending our original classrooms into learning spaces that include kitchens, teacher planning areas, a resource centre and meeting space. It also includes transforming our administration area. Once the final

ANZAC Day

A prayer of remembrance

Lord God,

Help us this day to remember the sacrifice of the first ANZACs, Australian and New Zealander, and the generations of men, women and children who have died in the cause of liberty and peace.

Help us to remember those who still bear the physical and mental scars and disabilities of their service.

Help us to remember the widows, girlfriends, parents and orphans and all those who waited in vain for the return of a loved one.

Help us to remember the mate ship, agony, courage and compassion of war service, but save us from ever glorifying the horror and tragedy of war.

Lord God, help us to remember.

Amen



plan is approved it will be shared with the community, our hope is that Stage 1 of construction will begin later this year after the tender process. We will work closely with Minx Architects to ensure that disruptions to learning areas are kept to a minimum.

CAR PARK RULES: AFTER SCHOOL

Because there are over 350 families who are eager to leave the property at the same time, often the car park is congested and difficult to manoeuvre in. You are asked to exercise extreme patience when in the car park. You must park in a designated car parking space and pick up your child either from the classroom or the designated waiting area, under the sails. Children **can not** be picked up from the morning drop off areas. Exit onto Everingham Road by the large exit gate. You may turn left or right. Pedestrians are to walk on the designated paths and should not exit via the car entrance gate.

Darren Gibbons
Principal

WINTER UNIFORM

GIRLS

School winter tunic or grey school trousers
Girls may choose to wear the winter tunic or the grey school trousers

Black tights or white socks (*not low ankle socks or leggings*)

White polo, long or short sleeve with QoP logo

School jumper with school logo

Black leather school shoes or black leather school boots

Compulsory 1st September until 30th April

School hat with QoP logo: bucket or legionnaire
Sunglasses

BOYS

Grey school trousers or shorts (*PSW brand*)

Grey school socks (*not low ankle socks*)

White polo, long or short sleeve with QoP logo

School jumper with school logo

Black leather school shoes or black leather school boots

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School hat with QoP logo: bucket or legionnaire
Sunglasses

SPORTS UNIFORM All students

Black shorts with white QoP logo

Black School Track Pants with QoP logo

Maroon sport jacket with QoP logo

House colour short sleeved polo shirt with QoP logo

White sports socks (*not low ankle socks*)

Runners

Term 2: Monday 16 April – Friday 29 June

PUPIL FREE DAYS: Thursday 17 May & Tuesday 12 June

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.

QoP Uniform Shop

Open Fridays 2:30-3:30pm. **Also opening on Monday 30 April 2-3pm.** Orders can be left with the school office if you are unable to attend at this time. Returns will only be accepted with receipt.

Drink Bottles

Could you please ensure students do not bring GLASS water bottles to school, we allow unbreakable containers only.

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.

Religion News

Friday 27 April – Year 5 attending parish mass
 Friday 4 May – Year Prep Prayer Service
 Friday 11 May – Whole School Mass to celebrate Mothers Day
 Friday 18 May – LCEC Confirmation Reflection Day

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

Parish Office – 9369 6877

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

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

Project Compassion

Last term our school had Project Compassion Caritas boxes in each classroom, to raise money for the poor. With everyone's help raising money we have beaten our school record. In first place was 6C with \$113.45 and they will be awarded a Mystery Prize. Altogether the school raised \$643.70 and we are very thankful to everyone who contributed to raise money – Olivia B. Marco L, Alisha V (Student Liturgy Leaders)

ANZAC Day

On Wednesday 25 April, the School Captains will present a floral tribute at the dawn service for ANZAC day. This floral tribute will be presented on behalf of the QoP school community. The commemorative service will be held at the Cenotaph in front of the council offices in Civic Parade at 6am.



Fete Update

Thank you to all those who have already offered donations and sponsorship for the fete. Responses are being collated today and you will be contacted soon. Donation responses were due back today via Caremonkey, so if you missed the cut-off, don't worry, you can still email the fete committee at any time with contributions at: fete@qopaltonameadows.catholic.edu.au

The fete team will begin approaching local businesses for sponsorship and donations next week. **Please let us know if you have approached any local businesses so that we don't unnecessarily approach them again.**

We are thrilled to announce that the fete has secured its platinum sponsor - **Sweeney, Altona Meadows**. We thank Shawqi and Sweeney Real Estate for their support of our school.

The **art/craft parent workshop** note has gone out this week. This is a great opportunity to learn and create various wonderful craft pieces whilst chatting to other parents. The first workshop is handmade cards and is on next **Friday 27th April, from 12.30pm to 3:30pm**. Please RSVP via Caremonkey.

Keep a look out for **stall supervisor notes and volunteer notes** coming out soon. All stalls have been decided and parents will be asked to contribute to these stalls rather than running their own stalls. More details about each stall to follow soon.



Don't forget to check us out on facebook (follow, share, like). Search for "QoP fete in the meadows 2018" or visit: <https://www.facebook.com/qopfeteinthemeadows2018/>

Student Awards

Prep A	Andy E	For trying hard to listen to the speaker.
	Rivers H	For sharing during Investigation time.
Prep B	Alyssa M	For always being kind, considerate and cooperative class members
	Hugo G	
Prep C	Shaun C	For working hard during Guided Reading.
Year 1A	Mitchell F	For his great work with place value and explaining his thinking.
Year 1B	Massimo P	For great listening and using his manners. A terrific start to Term 2.
Year 1C	Giacomo S	For his detailed and interesting journal of his family holiday.
Year 2A	Luca C	For completing his work on time.
Year 2B	Sienna K	For working hard with her writing and helping around the room.
Year 2C	Noah S	For writing an interesting and thoughtful letter to his friend.
Year 3A	Baxter H	For his great work during our maths investigation on place value.
	Charlie F	For always giving things a go and having a positive growth mindset.
	Lidya T	For her amazing work and effort when completing tasks.
Year 3B	Zoe T	For being a well organised and hard working student of 3B.
Year 3C	Jake K	For his good explanation for counting patterns.
	Isabella P	For working independently using a dictionary.
Year 4A	Liam N	For his excellent questioning and thinking skills during our discussions in Inquiry.
	Adam I	For his excellent effort with phonics and reading.
Year 4B	Lilly H	For sharing her ideas more regularly in class.
Year 4C	Mukundi C	For sharing her ideas about our F.L.I. image.
Year 5A	Blake Z	For great effort in his oral reading.
Year 5B	Bianca F	For always being thoughtful and going out of her way to help others.
	Matthew M	For always displaying a positive attitude and being ready to give things a go.
Year 5C	Cameron H	For independently creating his own BODMAS equations to solve a mathematical challenge.
Year 6A	Natalie E	For trying so hard in her Maths work this week.
	Emma M	For her fantastic efforts in solving addition problems.
Year 6B	Ryan V	For his reverent portrayal of Jesus during our Holy Week Celebrations.
	Emily P	For working diligently in class.
Year 6C	Ishaani S	For always completing her work neatly.



Dear Parents & Carers

Term 2 is already here and week one is already over. No doubt this year will continue to fly past.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered for the **Bunnings Altona BBQ** on **Sunday 29th April**. You will be contacted in the coming week to confirm times and responsibilities. Hopefully the weather will be favourable but regardless the QoP Community spirit will no doubt attract the numbers. For those who are unable to assist on the day hopefully you can come past and buy a snag or a drink and support our cause.

Please take the time to fill in the **CareMonkey Survey** regarding **Social Activities & Working Bees**. One of the main focuses of the P&F Social has been to provide opportunities for parents to get to know each other and socialise together. With this in mind we'd love to know what your thoughts are and how we can get more people involved. It takes 3 minutes to complete but the information is valuable to the P&F moving forward. Thanks to those who have already taken the time to complete it.

Teresa Prismall
2018 P&F President



Mother's Day High Tea with Joseph's Corner

Come and join us for a great afternoon!

All funds raised will go to Joseph's Corner.

Where: Mount St. Joseph's Girls' College
129-133 Maidstone St, Altona

When: Sunday 6th May 2018

Time: 2pm – 5pm

Cost: \$30.00 per person

There will be raffles, a silent auction, door prizes, guest speakers, great food and lots more.

For bookings please call Joseph's Corner on 9315-2680 or Tania on 0439 165 660.

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

To help support this event, the Parents and Friends is organising a table (or two) for Queen of Peace mums to attend the High Tea together at Mount St Joseph's Girls' College. Please reply to the CareMonkey form and return the money to our QoP office by Thursday 26 April to secure your place.

Violin Lessons

Classes are 30 minutes, at this stage they will be held Monday mornings. Students will be invoiced at beginning of each school term. Fee: \$28 per individual lesson. Instrument to be purchased by parents. Once you have your violin, lessons can begin. Tutor book also to be purchased by parents. Please call me if you have any questions: Liz Ambrose 0404 011 039. **HAPPY VIOLIN PLAYING!**



CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2				
Please contact the school office if you are unable to attend on your rostered day, thank you.				
Mon 23 Apr	Tues 24 Apr Sal	Weds 25 Apr ANZAC DAY	Thurs 26 Apr Jess Michelle	Fri 27 Apr Gina P
Mon 30 Apr Cheryl P	Tues 1 May Deb	Weds 2 May Amelia M	Thurs 3 May Bridget Michelle	Fri 4 May Naomi P

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.

When redeeming your reward, make sure you only choose from the following rewards **Glow Light** and **Sparkle Glitter Pens**.



Get ready for a Super Savers adventure with School Banking.

This year in School Banking, your child will join the Dollarmites on a Super Savers adventure, developing strong savings skills.

School Banking encourages children to learn the value of saving and rewards those who demonstrate a regular savings behaviour.

A chance to win a family trip to Hawaii.

Students who truly are Super Savers will have the chance to win a family trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, staying 7 nights at the Sheraton Waikiki Resort, plus AU\$2,000 spending money.

To enter, students simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3 2018, and they will automatically enter the Super Savers Grand Prize Competition.

New Super Savers reward items.

Introducing an exciting new range of reward items with two released every term.

Your child can redeem one of these rewards, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Remember, with the Commbank Youth app, it's easy for your child to monitor the Dollarmites tokens they earn when making School Banking deposits and track their savings. Available to download from the App Store on any iOS9+ device.

To find out more about School Banking, or explore fun activity sheets for your child, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

News from Emmanuel College

ANZAC commemorations will be held at the college next Tuesday, including planting cuttings from the Lone Pine at Gallipoli. Wreaths will be laid at local community ANZAC services. Students and staff will reflect on the ANZAC qualities that continue to inspire both the nation and those who serve in the Armed Services. The commemoration of the sacrifices at Gallipoli is a powerful experience for students given they are a similar age to many of the original ANZACs.

Open Day to be held Sunday 6 May (between 10:30am-1:30pm at St Paul's campus and 11am-2pm at Notre Dame campus).

It was great to welcome the large number of Year 7 parents who joined us in March, for a BBQ and presentation by Year 7 student teams on project based learning, including how the program develops essential skills for success in the 21st century – collaboration, communication, creativity and problem-solving. It was wonderful to see our Year 7s commitment to and pride in the presentations on the night – and their proud parents!



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.
queenofpeace@oshclub.com.au **OSHC program phone: 0421 287 254** Coordinator: Geeta Ankh. 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 be managed via your online account. **For on the day bookings, please contact the Coordinator 0421 287 254**

SunSmart program

Don't be complacent with sun safety, even in the cooler months. Our school aims to protect children and staff from too much UV to help minimize future skin cancer risk. To comply with SunSmart guidelines, sun protection is used from **1st September until the end of April**. Please ensure your children still have their hats and sunglasses at school.



We are SunSmart - a note for families

Too much UV can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer.

UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is associated with an increased risk of skin cancer later in life. Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Australia.

You can't see or feel the sun's UV so don't be fooled. Whatever the weather, if the UV levels are three or more, it's important to **Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide!**

Our school aims to protect children and staff from too much UV to help minimise future skin cancer risk. We are a registered member of the Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart Program. Please help support our SunSmart membership by ensuring your child follows the SunSmart measures included in our policy.

During the daily local sun protection times (issued whenever UV levels are 3 and higher), use these 5 SunSmart steps – even if it's cool and cloudy.

1. **Slip on a shirt** - for free dress days, ensure your child wears clothing that covers as much skin as possible (e.g. elbow length tops with a higher neckline or collar and longer style shorts or skirts). Densely woven fabrics are best.
2. **Slop on SPF 30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen** – apply a generous amount of sunscreen at the start of the day and make sure children have sunscreen in their bag ready to be reapplied throughout the day. Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours. Please ensure they get plenty of sunscreen application practice at home so they'll be all set when they are at school.



3. **Slap on a hat** – one that protects the face, neck and ears such as a broad brimmed, legionnaire or bucket style hat. Peak caps do not offer enough protection and are not recommended by SunSmart. Please help your child remember to bring and wear their approved hat.
4. **Seek shade** – choose shady spots for play whenever possible.
5. **Slide on some sunglasses** - if practical and approved by the school. Make sure they are labelled AS 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

Sun protection times

Don't just wait for hot and sunny days to use sun protection. Check the sun protection times each day so your family can be protected when they need to be.

Daily local sun protection times and weather details are available from the SunSmart widget on our school website, in the weather section of the newspaper, on the SunSmart website at sunsmart.com.au and as a free SunSmart app. Sun protection times can also be found at the Bureau of Meteorology website and live UV levels are available from ARPANSA.



Further information contact SunSmart
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Need information in another language?

Call 13 14 50 and ask to be connected to Cancer Council Victoria in your language.