



Queen of Peace Newsletter



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Queen of Peace – Guiding the Way

Dear Parents/Carers

Over the past weeks the teachers at Queen of Peace have been working on producing reports for all of our students and feedback will be given on Monday 25 and Tuesday the 26 June at our 3 Way Conferences. 3 Way Conferences go hand-in-hand with the first semester reports that will be sent home on Friday 22 June. How do you capture 20 weeks of learning into a couple of pages and a 15 minute conversation? It's impossible, especially when you consider that some of the learning has been about life skills, learning to cope and just being at school, which is the case for our Preps. What we hope to give you is a considered view of where your child is currently. In some cases, the growth has been considerable. In others, a little slower, but just as we know that children have growth spurts at different times, the same can be said about learning. We don't all catch on at the same rate. For some, it takes a little more effort than others but what is more important is that our students are trying their best.

So where to from here? Sometimes it is the little things that make a difference; extra reading before bed time, discussion of current affairs, outings and rich experiences, building vocabulary, talking time with busy parents, being encouraged to be independent or to use initiative.

There is so much more involved in educating children than the tasks assigned at school. We want our students to be well rounded and to be able to make a positive contribution as worldly citizens. We know that when our students are encouraged and supported, when education is valued and attendance is regular, we have a better chance at making a difference.



Facebook Launch

I have great pleasure in announcing that Queen of Peace Parish Primary School will have its own Facebook page. We're excited, but also a little nervous.

We're very excited about implementing one of the most powerful communication devices since the telephone and moving forward with the way we connect with our modern parents. Research tells us that 70% of all Australians between the ages of 15 to 65 are using Facebook. We also see that in excess of 80% of Facebook users log in everyday. Placing our school communications in a space where our community goes

to often, makes a lot of sense. We're also very keen to open up communications and use Facebook's ability to allow for comments, and if you 'like' what we post, we'd love you to give us the Facebook thumbs up too.

We are also somewhat apprehensive and seek your support to ensure this is a positive experience for all our community. We will be implementing a number of controls typically used by other organisations; these controls mean the page will not be as open as say the way a teenager may use Facebook. Even with controls, it does rely on all those using the page to do so in a tone and spirit that helps us to build a strong and connected school community. We do want to be good social media role models for our children.

Prayer of the Week

Lord, lead me to look for the positive in all people and in all situations.

May I help bring light to those in darkness, and encouragement to those who feel unhappy.



For anyone wishing to use our Facebook page, the best way to receive the updates is to visit <https://www.facebook.com/qopaltonameadows/> and press the thumbs up 'Like' button. This way when we post updates, you'll receive them in your page. Easy! This action will also allow you to comment and 'like' our posts. Please also read our [Facebook Code of Conduct](#); it is important you understand how we believe the facility can be used best.

Our Facebook trial will run for around 2 to 3 months, we look forward to your contribution and feedback.

Darren Gibbons
Principal

Have you changed your Mobile number? Address? Email?

PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND UPDATE YOUR DETAILS ON CAREMONKEY.

Uniform

A number of parents have approached Leanne and myself regarding the option of wearing the 'maroon sports jacket with QoP logo' as part of the winter uniform, not just on sports days. We feel that this would be a sensible option to adopt on cold winter days in term 2 & 3.

Items from Home

Please be aware that if a child brings any items from home eg balls, swap cards, toys it is their responsibility to look after these items. Do not bring items that are viewed as valuable. Teachers will not spend precious learning and teaching time looking for items or solving issues involving these items.

Assemblies

Whole school assemblies will take place on Mondays of even weeks, once a fortnight from term 3. This will allow more time for learning and teaching within each classroom and the option for Year levels to gather if they wish.

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. **Special opening time: Monday 18 June, 2-3pm.**

Important Notice re Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

CSEF provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like: school camps or trips, swimming and school-organised sport programs, outdoor education programs, excursion and incursions. A reminder to all eligible families (with Health Care Cards) that the CSEF forms are available from the office and must be submitted **no later than Friday 22 June 2018** to receive funding for 2018 (late applications cannot be processed). This is \$125 per year for eligible primary school students and parents need to apply for this every year. More detailed information can be found on the VET website, click here: [CSEF Information & Eligibility](#). To download a copy of the form, click here: [2018 CSEF Application Form](#) or pick up a hard copy from the carousel in the office foyer.

Pre-school Story Time

Will not be held over the next few weeks as Mrs Favata will be going on long service leave. She will return on the week commencing 3 August.

Student Absences

According to new Attendance Guidelines, the school is required (by the beginning of Term 3) to notify parents as soon as is practicable, whenever their child is marked absent without explanation. We have begun implementing this procedure and a text message is sent to a parent of any child who is marked absent without notification. Please note that if your child is not in their classroom at 9am they will be marked absent.

If your child is going to miss school for any reason it is important that you contact the school **before 9am** to advise:

1. Your child's name
2. Your child's class
3. Reason for absence

You can do this using the **FLEXIBUZZ** app. Click on the ABSENCE tab and fill in a quick form. If you are having trouble with this app, come to the office and we will try help you. **N.B. The option to leave a phone message is being phased out.** If we have not been informed of your child's absence, a parent/carer will receive the following text:

You are receiving this text as Queen of Peace has not been notified & your child has been marked absent today. Please contact the school, QoP 9369 2581

Please bear with us as we work to implement this system. We may need to fine-tune procedures, however we will always inform you of any changes to the process via FlexiBuzz and the fortnightly newsletter.

Religion News

Thank you

The Minnie Vinnies would like to thank you for all the generous donation for the needy people in our parish.

Sacrament Family Nights 2018

Eucharist – Tuesday 17 July at 7pm

Reconciliation* – **Thursday 23 August at 7pm**

Sacraments for 2018

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.

Unfortunately we have had to change the date of the **Reconciliation Family Night as Mrs Gracias and Father John will now be attending a conference. Instead of 18 September it will now be held **Thursday 23 August**.*

Laverton Catholic Parish

Parish Office – 9369 6877

laverton@cam.org.au

Fr John Healy – Parish Priest

Sue Sherman – Secretary

Tho Tran – Deacon

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

Minnie Vinnies

A big thank you from the Mini Vinnies to our generous school community who donated a variety of goods for the Local St Vincent de Paul group. Today the Mini Vinnies gathered it all up and took it to the store room. We also packed up some bags for the needy families.



Thank you

A big thank you to Phyllis Hansen for knitting over 70 beautiful beanies and 13 warm blankets for our annual winter appeal. St Vincent de Paul will distribute these to the needy in our community where they will be greatly appreciated. Our school community thanks you for your kindness and generosity. – Prep B



Commbank School Banking

Well done to all those who have already deposited 15 times this year! You have now been automatically entered into the competition to win a family trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, staying in the Sheraton Waikiki Resort. Students have until the end of Term 3 to make 15 deposits to be in the running for this prize. Items to redeem for 10 tokens during Term 2 are: Twister Power Handball, Sparkle Glitter Pens, Glow Light. Thank you for supporting student banking.

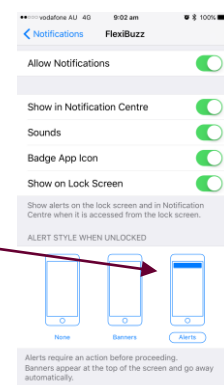
CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2

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

18 June	19 June	20 June	21 June	22 June
Cheryl P	Maria A	Belinda N	Jessie & Michelle	
25 June	26 June	27 June	28 June	29 June
3 Way Conferences Early Finish	Maria A	Poppy	Michelle	End of Term – early finish

Flexibuzz – don't miss out on your reminders!

To ensure you're receiving alerts and notifications for new entries, please go to the Settings \ Notifications on your smartphone, switch all buttons on and also select 'alerts'.



Term 2:	Monday 16 April – Friday 29 June EARLY FINISH: 1pm Monday 25 June (3 Way Conferences) EARLY FINISH: 1:30pm Friday 29 June (last day of term)
Term 3:	Monday 16 July – Friday 21 September
Term 4:	Monday 8 October – Wednesday 19 December

Code Club

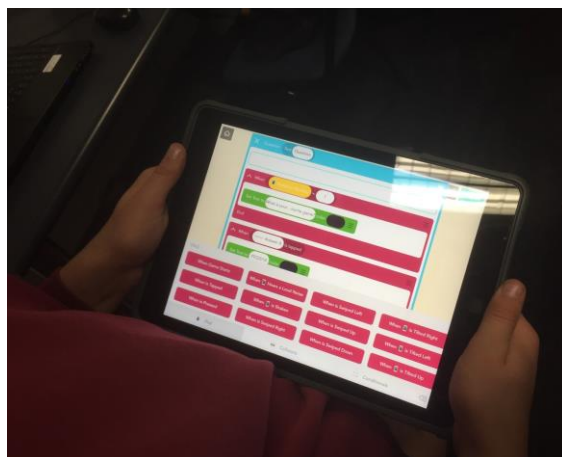
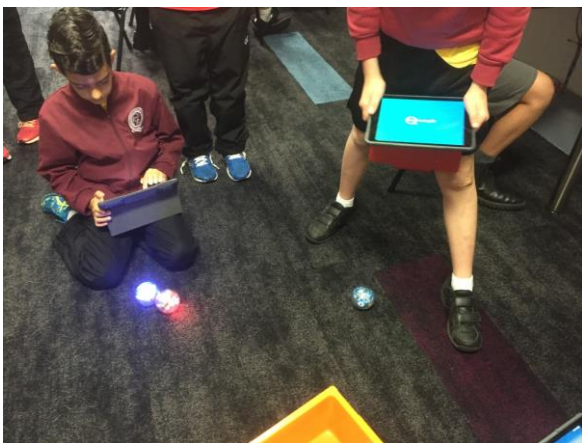
Code Club is held every week on Wednesday. It is an open club for boys and girls in all year levels. Code club is about challenging yourself using various coding apps or websites.

Most people enjoy using the sferos which are robots that you use to code. Sferos are a good robot to use if you're a beginner because they use block codes. Block codes are pre configured codes with certain actions to make a program. The more experienced coders in Code Club use a form of code called JavaScript. A JavaScript is a script code that is formally used in a website. A JavaScript you can use in websites like codecademy. Codecademy is a website that teaches you how to use many different forms of script coding like JavaScript. The last type of code that many people use in Code Club is picture codes. A picture code is a code with arrows and jumping signs, people commonly use these codes in Lightbot hour. Lightbot hour is an app that you can make a pixelated robot move jump or turn there are simple steps of instructions to follow.

At Code Club we use various coding bots like EV3's. An EV3 is a robot made out of Lego with motors and many different sensors like an ultrasonic sensor which detects objects in centimetres to metres. Ev3's use block codes. The next bot we use is ozo bots. These are bots that are about 5 centimetres long, you use colourful lines to coordinate the robot to move around.

Code Club is a really fun club and really enjoyable. I learnt my first ever JavaScript there and many other fun programs.

- Joshua 5B



Student Awards

Prep A	Hayden I	For being responsible in group activities.
	Luca T	For contributing to class discussions.
Prep B	Kenzi M	For working hard to improve her handwriting.
	Gabriella E	For learning her hot words and using them in her writing.
Prep C	Meagan N	For always completing her work neatly.
Year 1A	Harry M	For their outstanding home reading effort, reaching over 100 nights.
	Oliver Z	
Year 1B	Iana V	For always putting in her best effort in all areas of her work.
Year 1C		
Year 2A	Dominic M	For his fantastic progress in reading and writing.
	Ella M	For always presenting her best work in all areas of learning.
Year 2B	Pablo A	For his effort with his writing.
	Damen Z	For his hard work and progress in reading.
	Olera C	For her effort and enthusiasm in writing her information report.
Year 2C	Gabriel O	For making better choices.
	Charlize S	For always sharing a well organised Show 'n' Tell
Year 3A	Noah M	For always being a polite, co-operative and caring member of 3A
	Julian P	For sharing his ideas more regularly during class discussions.
Year 3B	Maddison R	For being a respectful and hard working student of 3B.
Year 3C	Isabelle V	For her confident presentation on Pope Francis.
	Andre N	For trying very hard with his handwriting.
Year 4A	Alissa N	For using new strategies in multiplication when looking at budgets.
	Tayla H	For trying so hard in her Maths work this week.
	Matthew F	For always displaying a positive attitude and being ready to give things a go.
Year 4B	Britney L	For doing an amazing job with her home reading.
Year 4C	Ruby C	For some creative writing on her report about Greyhounds.
Year 5A	Hoai H	For putting her best effort into everything she does!
Year 5B	Bryce C	For his interesting and insightful contributions to contributions to class discussion.
	Makayla B	For always giving things a go and displaying a positive growth mindset.
Year 5C	Natalie P	For representing QoP in a positive way whilst we were on our excursion to the Parliament of Victoria and Melbourne Museum.
	Tristan L	
Year 6A		
Year 6B	Massimo F	For his valuable technical assistance in our class oral presentations.
Year 6C		



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Parents & Friends



Parents and Friends News:

Social Event: Wyncity Bowling : This Saturday the Wyncity Bowling family social event is on! Sure to be a fun event and look forward to many more like it.

Tony's Pie Drive: We are once again asking Tony's Pies of Essendon to provide our community with a delivery of baked pastries on **Thursday, 26th July**. If you would like to take advantage of this service please place your order form with payment to the school office by the last day of this term.

School DISCO: Friday 3rd August – A highlight of the QOP Kids social year is coming up in Week 3 of Term 3. Lock it in the calendar to avoid your child missing out.

P&F General Meeting: Our next meeting is on Tuesday 7th August at 7pm, everyone is welcome to attend and to join in the discussion about our P & F program and events.

Stay Warm ☺

Teresa Prismall
P&F President 2018

Emmanuel College News

Well done to our Year 7s on their recent concert performed in McCoy Hall to a large and appreciative audience of proud parents. It was amazing to see the Year 7s growth in skills on a range of instruments, which in many cases students had picked up for the first time at the commencement of the year. It is also great to see the number of students also joining the College band and ensembles as they gain confidence with their instrument.

N.B. Applications for Year 7 2020 close 17/8/18.

Mount St Joseph Girls' College News

Next Open Morning : Thurs 21 June 2018 Open Morning 9:15 – 10:30am.

N.B. Applications for Year 7 2020 close 3/8/18.

FETE UPDATE / CLASSIFIEDS

SPONSORSHIP!

If you've got it, we want it. We have lots of sponsorship opportunities available for all types of businesses - big or small - and we'd really love your support.



FRIDAY 19 October 2018:
3-8pm

MAJOR SPONSOR



ALTONA MEADOWS

CASUAL DRESS DAY
FOR
LUCKY DIP
&
MYSTERY CUP
COLLECTION

WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE
(more info below)



WE WANT YOU

Become a volunteer and help man a stall - register via bit.ly/qopf18

SIGNAGE/BILLBOARD

Do you have a house in a great location for promoting our Fete?

We would love to hear from you if you are happy to have a QoP Fete billboard outside your home.



[QoP Fete in the Meadows 2018](#)

To keep up to date with all things Fete related, "Like" and "Follow" our Facebook page. Don't forget to "Share" the page with your family and friends.

A pic from our last art/craft parent workshop

"DREAMY!"



Final art/craft workshop of the term

Friday 22nd June 12:30pm onwards in the Art Room.

A chance to complete work previously started or make something new from a previous workshop:

card making; rock painting; apron making; sunbursts / dream catchers.

LUCKY DIP AND MYSTERY CUP

We ask that each child brings in an item (or as many as you want!) for one of these 2 stalls on casual dress day, Wednesday 27th June.

LUCKY DIP

Grades Prep & 2: 8 years and under lucky dip

Grades 4 & 6: 9 years and over lucky dip

Note: There is no need to wrap these items

MYSTERY CUP

Grades 1, 3 and 5: Cups to fill will be sent home next Tuesday 19th June

Thank you,
Fete Committee