

Thursday 29th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As we head towards November, we were fortunate with the new COVID protocols to be able to engage our school photographer to take some class snaps as memories for such an unusual year. The Health Department is now also allowing schools to hold year 6 graduations. Unfortunately parents are not permitted to attend but live streaming of the event is an option. I will be able to provide further details regarding the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony in the near future. We are also currently examining our options for our Prep 2021 transition program, with the first step having teachers visit the kindergartens.



Tomorrow Victoria celebrates World Teachers' Day. World Teachers' Day 2020 will celebrate teachers with the theme 'Teachers: leading in crisis, reimagining the future'. This theme reflects the commitment teachers have made as leaders particularly teaching throughout the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, in a range of environments. Let us all take time to recognise and celebrate the incredible contributions teachers have made in our school community and communities across the state, as they help to teach the future.

Access to Water at School: The Victorian Health Department stipulates that children should not drink directly from drinking fountains at this time. Taps may be used to refill water bottles. With the warmer weather approaching please ensure your child is bringing their own water bottle to use, and refill, at school.



Students will be encouraged to refill their water bottles at appropriate times throughout the day.

School Enrolments 2021: If you are not intending for your child/ren to return to Our Lady's in 2021 can you please inform the school by email principal@olps.vic.edu.au. In your email can you please indicate the school where your children will be enrolled for the coming year.



Birthday wishes to all these children who celebrate their birthday this week: Renasha Prep D, Jayden 3B, Ava 1S, Meera 4M, Oliver 1T, Melak 2M, Hayden Prep D, Thomas 1T, Mariska 1S, Valentina Prep B, Tiffany 2M, Hanna 2A, Manuel 5C, Ramina 4P, Harnaaz 5H, Catalina 5N, Emily 3B, Nathaniel 1M, Nimith 5E, Ethan 2A, Leonardo 2S, Zed 3N, Marbail1S & Francesco Prep B.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE !

Term 4 School Events & Important Dates :

- Monday 2nd November: Pupil Free Day; No School
- Tuesday 3rd November, Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
- Tuesday 15th December, School finishes for 2020

If your child is unwell, please keep them at home

Thank you for your ongoing support of all of our staff and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at this time. principal@olps.vic.edu.au

Good luck at the track this weekend and enjoy the super long weekend, don't spend too much at the shops and don't eat too much at the restaurants !

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Principal



FROM THE CRAZY SOCKS DESK



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



This week the students had the chance to come together at our school's Socktober Event Week, where the children will be able to make their sock balls and kick some goals for kids in need around the world.

Students were able to raise awareness about poverty and other issues in developing countries by wearing their favourite colour socks.

Here are some photos from the week!



We hope that our students grow up to be models and promoters of social Justice as active members of the Catholic Church in the world.

Thank you for your support and for helping your child/ren 'sock it to poverty!'



Socktober works best when every child is on board. I'd like to invite you to take a moment to register your child/ren for Socktober so they have the opportunity to join their friends and make a difference for children in need around the world. Setting up your child's page takes only a few minutes.

SO FAR WE HAVE

RAISED \$1039!

THAT IS AWESOME!



[Please register your child/ren at our school's Socktober page](#)

[here](#) Then, simply share the page and encouraging family and friends to get behind your child/ren's Socktober journey.

You'll be asked to pick a fundraising goal when you register. Whatever your child/ren raises towards this goal will support the basic needs of vulnerable children around the world, such as food, clean water, healthcare, and education.

All Saints and All Souls Day

This week our Church celebrates the feasts of All Saints and All Souls days. All Saints Day is a special feast day on which Catholics celebrate all the saints, known and unknown. While most saints have a particular feast day on the Catholic calendar (usually, though not always, the date of their death), not all of those feast days are observed. And saints who have not been canonized—those who are in Heaven, but whose sainthood is known only to God—have no particular feast day. In a special way, All Saints Day is their feast. You may be interested to know that Halloween is connected to this Catholic recognition of those who have died. The eve of this festival is Halloween, also known as "All Hallows Eve." All Saints Day is celebrated November 1.



STUDENT WELLBEING @ OUR LADY'S

...PROVIDING A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



A DAILY GRATITUDE TIME IS a valuable habit to get into. We know that when we reflect on our day and highlight the 'things that have worked well' we focus on the positives and this helps us with our wellbeing.

Here is a challenge you may like to use with your family as a prompt to focus on 'what you are grateful for'.

25 DAY GRATITUDE CHALLENGE

1. Someone you're thankful for
2. Something that makes you smile
3. A food you love
4. Someone that goes unnoticed
5. A favorite book and movie
6. A favorite animal
7. Something unique about you
8. Something beautiful
9. Something that challenges you
10. Beautiful art
11. Something happy
12. A favorite song
13. Something funny
14. Something unique
15. Your favorite foods
16. Something that's helped you
17. Someone in your family
18. A favorite sound
19. Something sweet
20. Freedom
21. A good friend
22. A favorite smell
23. Someone who has taught you something
24. Someone who has helped you
25. Someone you love



BOOK WEEK ART TALENT AND WINNERS

THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN WERE CHOSEN BY
OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Jack Prep D	Celeste Prep D
Aiden 1G	Gabriella 1S
Leo 2S	Malak 2A
Rehan 3T	Angelina 3N
Francis 4C	Praise 4M
Oliver 5E	Shehanna 5H
Isaac 6G	Ellie 6G

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Parenting Group

Program Outline

Session 1:
Understanding child behaviour and increasing desirable behaviour

Session 2:
Giving effective instructions and managing sibling conflict

Session 3:
Responding to misbehaviour

Session 4:
Managing strong emotions

Session 5:
Parent self-care

PROGRAM INFORMATION

5 Week Online Program for parents of primary school aged children run by provisional psychologists at Victoria University

Commencing October 15th 2020
1:30-3:00pm

1st Session - October 29th
2nd Session - November 5th
3rd Session - November 12th
4th Session - November 19th
5th Session - November 26th

During the COVID pandemic, Victoria University is offering this group at no cost.

Register your interest:
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www.vu.edu/psychology-clinic