TERM 1 FINISHES
THURSDAY 26th MARCH AT 1PM
(Please Note Day Change)

TERM 2 BEGINS
MONDAY 13th APRIL AT 8.40AM

Lenten Reflection


Sometimes it's hard to do what is right and good, isn't it?

Tell God, or show God in your heart, one time when it was hard for you to do what was right and good. Take your time telling or showing this to God.

Then, tell or show God what made this hard for you. (God already knows this, but it can help you if you show this part of your heart to God.)

Ask Jesus to help you to remember that he's always with you; and then, when you are ready, picture Jesus with you in that hard time. Notice what Jesus is doing... is Jesus helping you?

Staff Commissioning Mass

Each year staff are invited by Father Frank to attend Mass at St Andrews Church to commission all the teachers across the Parish.

This year the teachers will be attending various Masses over the weekend of Saturday 28th Feb and Sunday 1st March. All are welcome to attend the commissioning.
**Whole School Assemblies**

Our whole school assemblies will continue this year. Assembly will be held on the 3rd Friday of the month (except in March and December) in the school sports complex.

- **Friday 20th February** 2.30pm
- **Thursday 26th March** 2.30pm
- **Friday 17th April** 2.30pm
- **Friday 15th May** 2.30pm
- **Friday 19th June** 2.30pm
- **Friday 24th July** 2.30pm
- **Friday 21st August** 2.30pm
- **Friday 18th Sept** 12 noon
- **Friday 16th Oct** 2.30pm
- **Friday 20th Nov** 2.30pm
- **Wednesday 16th Dec** 2.30pm

(\*Last Student Day of 2015\*)

Children must not be taken home at the conclusion of assembly. Homegroup is vital for all children to receive their notes and reminders for the following week.

Please ensure appropriate footwear is worn on all assembly days. School shoes will be allowed for the February assembly as it is photo day.

**School Masses**

On the first Thursday of the month we celebrate Mass in the OLSC sports complex. Below is a table of which children will celebrate with our Parish Priest. All parents are welcome to come along. Mass begins at 9.15am

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| Thursday March 5th | Year 3-6 (focus on Sacramental children)  
|                | not necessarily all yr 3-6 will attend |
| Thursday May 7th | Prep - Yr2 with Yr. 4 children        |
| Thursday June 4th | Whole School                          |
| Thursday Sept 3rd | Whole School - Our Lady's Feast Day   |
| Thursday Nov 5th | Whole School                          |

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**“Meet and Greet”**

Parents have the opportunity to come down to school on Thursday 19th February to meet the staff who will be teaching, guiding, inspiring and mentoring your children for this year. It is an informal process where parents can make their way into the learning space for a quick chat with homegroup / learning group and learning centre leaders about their children. The doors will be open from 4–6:30pm. We hope to see you there.

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**2015 School Leaders**

We are pleased to announce that our SRC, House Captains, Social Justice Teams and Information Technology Leaders will be announced and presented with their badges at tomorrow’s Learning Centre assemblies. The applications were outstanding and we have a truly great crew of students taking up these roles for 2015.

**Summer Weather**

Please ensure that you send your children to school with a drink bottle and a hat during the summer months. We have a strict “no hat, no play” policy at school, so please check that your child has their hat in the mornings.

**School Photo Day**

Photo day is set for tomorrow, Friday 20th February.

**Shrove Tuesday Celebrations**

A big thank-you to all families for the wonderful donations towards our Pancake morning. As with last year, we may be having a monthly cook up to use all that was donated. We will pass on some of these to St. Vincent De Paul society to allow others in our community to enjoy. Also to our mums and dads who found time to come and cook for us. You are indeed wonderful and we enjoyed having you in our Learning Centres.
Do you have a child in Prep – Year 2?

Would you like to know more about......
THRASS
Big Write
PMe
iPad Apps
Blogs
Please come along to the Literacy Workshop Night

Thursday March 5th
Starting 7pm-8pm
Hope to see you there.

Wyndham Vale Catholic Community Mass

Mass is celebrated at OLSC on the first Sunday of the month commencing 10am. Please feel to come along and bring a plate to share for some fellowship after Mass. Dates for 2015 are:

Sunday 1st March
Sunday 3rd May
Sunday 7th June
Sunday 2nd August
Sunday 6th September
Sunday 1st November
Sunday 6th December

Any queries about the Community Mass held at OLSC monthly on a Sunday, please Contact:
Lou Sullivan Pastoral Worker,
Wynham Vale Community 9741 4144.
MACKILLOP COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Tuesday 24 February 2015
2.00pm – 6.00pm
All welcome to attend and tour the College. Last tour departs at 5.15pm.
For further information regarding the College please visit the College
website: www.mackillop.vic.edu.au

MACKILLOP COLLEGE - ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7, 2016

Application for Enrolment to Year 7, 2016 is now underway. Application Forms can be obtained from
the College by contacting the College Registrar on 8734-5216.
To obtain further information please visit the College website: www.mackillop.vic.edu.au
Applications close on Friday 27 February 2015.

WYN CITY BOWL Point Cook
FREE Birthday Party Offer

Book a Birthday Party for 12 or more children
and the birthday child is FREE!
All Parties include: party food, invitations & lolly bag with either
tenpin bowling or laser tag.

Party Price pp:
1 game $19.90; 2 games $26.90
Literacy News

Welcome to our regular Literacy Update. Hope this will keep you informed as to what is happening in literacy across the school & give you tips on how you can be involved in your child's learning journey.

This term we are focusing on Persuasive text. The students will be reading lots of examples of Persuasive texts and identifying the features of this text type. In writing the students will implement the features of this text type and write their own Persuasive text, in order to convince their audience of their point of view.

Senior News:
Senior students will be visiting the Wyndham Vale Library on a regular basis. They will borrow books to read at home using their own library card. Please make sure your child is signed up for the library & brings their library card to school each week.

Junior News:
The home reading program has begun for our Prep – Year 3 students. Remember to send along the blue book bag so your child can take a book home to share with you. Our Preps are currently making their first take home book. They are excited to be authors and illustrators & can’t wait to finish their books & take them home to read. Each book bag has a laminated sheet of Tips for home reading and a journal for you to fill in.

☆ Check out this website for great interactive games; highly recommend the alphabet & word games, many of these games are also available as ipad apps from the App Store.
☆ http://www.abcy.com/
☆ If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is:
☆ shenderson@olscwyn.catholic.edu.au.
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☆ Cheers
☆
☆ Sandy

Toy Request – Can you help?

Lots of our children are really enjoying playing in the passive area with cars, monster trucks, blocks etc. If you have any toys that may be appropriate for our children to play with at recess & lunch please contact the office.

Morning coffee/tea chat – ‘Meet and Greet’

Welcome to all parents, new and old! We are inviting you all to gather on Monday March 2nd at 9.00- 9.45am in the Sports Centre.
It is an opportunity to meet one another in our OLS Community.
We look forward to providing this opportunity on a regular basis.
SHROVE TUESDAY

CELEBRATIONS

2015
Melbourne Storm Visit

Today we had a visit from Storm players Kurt Mann and Joey Stimson along with their development officer Louie.

The Year 4-6 students were told of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, balanced diet and mental wellbeing. Along with a video, trivia questions were asked with prizes awarded as well as a push up contest with Chavon and Tarquin taking on the players. Well-done guys.