TERM 1 FINISHES
FRIDAY 27TH MARCH AT 1PM
TERM 2 BEGINS
MONDAY 13TH APRIL AT 8.40AM

What Can I Do Before Lent Begins?

Anything worth doing is worth preparing for.

Lent will be this wonderful season of grace for us if we give ourselves to it. And, we will give ourselves to it to the degree we really want it badly. So, in these days before Lent, we need to prepare our hearts. We need to prepare by realizing how much we want to grow in freedom, how much we need to lighten our spirits and experience some real joy, and how much some parts of our lives really need changing.

Lenten Paraliturgies

Each learning centre will have a paraliturgy next Wednesday, commencing at 9.00am. Parents are welcome to join their child’s learning centre for this occasion.

Shrove Tuesday

Please continue to assist with items that will help with making pancakes if possible - mixes or jams. These would be greatly appreciated.

Project Compassion

As part of our Lenten giving we will have Project compassion boxes for each home group. Children are encouraged to donate any loose change that may have been spent on themselves to help someone in need. Posters around school show how our donations may help those less fortunate than ourselves.

Notes coming home this week

Selected Families – Parish Stewardship Advice

All – Bookclub
Schoolpix Photo order form (Went home Wednesday)

Year 4 – 6 Students – Catholic Schools Guide

Sacramental Program

All children in Years 3-6 received a note informing families of the sacramental program for this year. If you have not completed and wish to participate please return your form or email me and I will send you another form.
Email Paul at pmcdowell@olscwyn.catholic.edu.au
“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 way their way into the learning space for a quick chat with homegroup / learning group and learning centre leaders about their child/ren. The doors will be open from 4 – 6.30pm. We hope to see you there.

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
Order forms went home Wednesday 11th Feb. If you are after sibling shots you must come as see the office staff for an order form. Photo day is set for Friday 20th February. Please ensure you order online or return your order with payment on Friday 20th Feb.

Riding to school
If your child is riding to school under Victorian Law they must be wearing a helmet. Please ensure that your child is doing the right thing as it could save their life.

Drop off and Pick up of students
Parents and those picking up children from school are reminded that they must observe all road rules. Double parking (waiting) is under no circumstances allowed and if it continues, council as well and local police will be contacted and infringement notice will be issued. Pick and drop off areas and street parking bays are designated and are to be used correctly to ensure the safety of our students.

Literacy News!!!
Learning Centre 1 and 3 will begin their take home readers on Monday 16th February. Sandy is asking for any helpers that might be able to assist with the recording of books taken. If you are available from 2.30pm until the end of the day on any day and would like to assist, please see the office to leave your details. Sandy will be leading a meeting on Monday 16th Feb at 2.15pm to talk through the process.

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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Whole School Assemblies
Our whole school assemblies will continue this year. Assembly will be held on the 3rd Friday of the month in the school sports complex. Our next assembly is on Friday the 20th February. Assembly commences at 2.30pm. 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.
WORKSHOPS FOR BAPTISED ADULTS TO RECEIVE FURTHER SACRAMENTS -
Are you an adult who has been baptised but has never received the Sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation? Fr. Frank will be conducting a series of workshops to prepare adults to receive the sacraments. Workshops are held on Saturdays, 21st February, 28th February, 7th March, 14th March, 21st March and 28th March 2015 at 11am. Participation in all liturgies during Holy Week are expected. The Sacraments will be administered at 8pm Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, 4th April 2015. Please leave your details at the Parish Office 9741 4144 or werribee@cam.org.au if you are interested. Thank you.

Wyndham Vale Community Scripture Reflection
Scripture Reflection is held every Monday (except school holidays) at Our Lady of the Southern Cross Primary School from 2.00pm to around 2.50pm.

This is a reflection where we look at the Gospel of the coming Sunday and how it relates to us in our lives today. The reflection is prepared in different formats and includes time for listening to the gospel, sharing and prayer. This is not a study group but a light reflection that is personal to each individual. My hope is that everyone who attends comes away feeling renewed and refreshed, ready to face the challenges of the week ahead.

Lou Sullivan
Pastoral Worker
Wyndham Vale Community

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 c Sunday, please Contact: Lou Sullivan Pastoral Worker, Wyndham 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.
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