TERM 1 FINISHES
THURSDAY 26th MARCH AT 3.15pm
(Please Note Day & Time Change)
TERM 2 BEGINS
MONDAY 13th APRIL AT 8.40AM

Notes coming home this week

Eldest (selected) - Cadbury Chocolate Boxes

Eldest – Parents and Friends AGM
information and nomination forms

Psalm 51
Have mercy, tender God
Wash away my sin,
cleanse me from my guilt
You love those centred in truth;
teach me your hidden wisdom.

Wash me with fresh water,
wash me bright as snow.
Creator, reshape my heart,
God, steady my spirit.

Do not cast me aside
stripped of your holy spirit.
Save me, bring back my joy,
support me, strengthen my will.

Then I will teach your way
and sinners will turn to you.
Help me, stop my tears,
and I will sing your goodness.

Project Compassion
During our Lenten Journey students are
contributing any small coins they have to add
to their Project Compassion Boxes which are
placed on our prayer mats each morning. If
you can help them with any loose change it
would be greatly appreciated.
**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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Next Thursday Fr. Shymon will celebrate mass with all students participating in our Sacramental Program in 2015. All families are encouraged to come and share this mass, even if your child is not receiving a sacrament. We’d love to see you.

**Calling all Prep – Year 2 Parents!!!**

**Literacy Workshop Night**

Would you like to know more about......
THRASS
Big Write
PMe
iPad Apps
Blogs

Please come down to the school on Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
(PLEASE NOTE DAY CHANGE)  
Starting 7pm-8pm  
Hope to see you all there!

**MARK THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY!!!!!!**

Elizabeth on behalf of all the staff at OLSC would like to extend a warm welcoming invitation to all parents to come to our:

“OLSC Café morning gathering”

**When:** Monday 2nd March  
**Time:** 9.00-9.45am  
**Where:** In the Sports Centre

It would be a great opportunity for OLSC community members to gather in an informal way, generating great conversation and making new friends.

**Whole School Assemblies**

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

- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2.30pm
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2.30pm
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2.30pm
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2.30pm
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2.30pm
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 12 noon
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 2.30pm
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 2.30pm
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.
BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN (RCIC) – Are you looking to have your primary school aged child/children baptised in the Catholic faith? There will be an enrolment meeting on Thursday, 16th April 2015 at 7pm in the Penola Community Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. As well as enrolling children, we will explain the program which will run over six Sunday mornings, beginning Sunday, 19th April 2015 to 4th June 2015. These sessions will run from 9.45am to 10.45am, followed by attendance at 11am Mass. The children will participate in the Children’s Liturgy of the Word during the Mass as part of their Christian learning experience. At least one parent is asked to attend each Sunday with their children.

If you have any queries, please leave your name and phone number at St. Andrew’s Parish Office (Ph. 9741 4144 or werribee@cam.org.au). Norma Marot, RCIC Coordinator

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, Wyndham Vale Community 9741 4144.
**Sacramental Students**

Below are the students participating in the Sacramental program in 2015. If you believe your child should be and is not named, please see Paul or email at: pmcdowell@olscwyn.catholic.edu.au

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**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](http://www.mackillop.vic.edu.au) Applications close on Friday 27 February 2015.
Literacy News

THRASS is a vital part of our Literacy program from Prep – 6. The acronym THRASS stands for Teaching Handwriting Reading And Spelling Strategies. THRASS terminology is used with our students and can be quite challenging for adults who are not familiar with it. Here is a glossary of some of the THRASS terms and what they mean.

- **Phonemes** = Speech sounds. These are the sounds we use in the English Language. There are 44 phonemes spoken in English.
- **Graphemes** = spelling choices. Graphemes are the letters we choose to write to represent the speech sounds.
- **Graph** = one letter representing the phoneme
- **Digraph** = two letters representing the phoneme
- **Trigraph** = three letters representing the phoneme
- **Quadgraph** = four letters representing the phoneme

The THRASS chart is a toolbox we use to teach the 44 phonemes and help the students make associations between the phonemes and graphemes. THRASS charts are available to purchase from the uniform shop for $7. It is ideal if your child has their own copy of the THRASS chart, which can be used at both home and school.

Stay tuned for more THRASS info over the coming weeks.

Werribee District Swimming Competition

Fifteen brave and courageous senior OLSC students took part in the annual District Swimming Competition on Thursday the 26th of February that took place at the Werribee Outdoor Pool. Students enjoyed the day and commented on how encouraging they felt their fellow peers were. They also mentioned the thrill of meeting new students from other schools and spoke highly about all their peers who had a go regardless of their results.

Our results were the best they have ever been, with students placing first, third and fourth in their individual heats. In the team relays, the girls 4 x 50 freestyle team missed a ribbon by 1 second – we were so close girls! Some of the individual results are as follows:

- Holly – 1st in Breaststroke Heat
- Taylor – 1st in Freestyle Heat
- Traveen – 1st in Backstroke Heat
- Aiden – 3rd in Backstroke Heat
- Mia – 4th in Backstroke Heat

The students explained what helped them succeed and here are some of their responses for those who would be keen to consider taking part next year:

“Pretend a shark is chasing you”
“Imagine your favourite thing is at the end of the lane”
“Try your hardest and just make it to the end”

Well done to all the swimmers who took part and represented OLSC, we are so proud of you!
PREMIER’S ACTIVE APRIL

Premier’s Active April is a Victorian Government initiative that encourages Victorians to participate in 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April.

This year, our school will be participating in Premier’s Active April and we are asking students/families to join their learning center teams and get more active and join the fun.

There are two options below showing you how to register and join our school team. Please contact the school if you need further information.

Registration and Team Details
Login / Register   activeapril.vic.gov.au
Team IDs
learning-centre-1
learning-centre-2
learning-centre-3

Once registered, students will have the option to join multiple teams. We encourage you to register your whole family and create a family team as well, enabling you to share the experience and keep each other motivated.

How to join our school team:

1) If your family are already registered:
   1. Login to the app using the student’s username and password
   2. Go to the Teams page and select “Request to join a Team”.
   3. Enter the Team ID (see above) and click “Send Request”
   4. A notification will be sent to the teacher who created the team. After the teacher accepts the request, the student will see the team details when they next login.

2) If your family are not registered
   1. Register at activeapril.vic.gov.au – register yourself first, then register family members.
   2. Once registered, your child can use their unique username and password to access the Activity Tracker and program incentives.
   3. In the top right navigation, change “Logged in as:” to the relevant child’s name. You’ll now be viewing the app as though you are logged in as this user. NB: you may need to refresh the page to see this.
   4. Go to the Teams page and select “Request to join a Team”.
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We look forward to all becoming more Active during April!