IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

MEET THE LEADERS CAFÉ
WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY
8.45AM UNTIL 9.45AM

PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING
WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY
7.00PM UNTIL 8.30PM

SCHOOL PHOTOS
FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY
FULL SUMMER UNIFORM TO BE WORN

BOOK CLUB DUE
FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

AN AFTERNOON WITH GEORGE OTERO
FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY
ST JOHN THE APOSTLE – TARNEIT
2.15PM – 3.15PM

LEARNING CENTRE HELPER COURSE
TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY
9.00AM TO 10.00AM

YEAR 7 2017 CATHOLIC SCHOOL
ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS
CLOSE ON 26 FEBRUARY 2016

"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. We need to prepare by realising 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.

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

NOTES COMING HOME THIS WEEK

All –
- City West Taekwondo
- School Pix Order Forms** To be sent on Friday.

Eldest -
- Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF) Information Form.
- Uniform Shop Price List
- Dr George Otero – Invitation to attend an afternoon with George.
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.

Family Groups
Last Friday we shared a wonderful afternoon with our family group activities - children mixing from Prep to Year Six with their siblings and one of the teachers from across the Learning Centres. The end results of our first time together were our family collages that now hang in the corridor linking each Learning centre. Please take the time for your child to find their family group collage and show you their artwork. We will do these family group activities across the year, with at times an invitation for you to join us.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!!

ILLEGAL “U-TURNS”

PLEASE NOTE: No parents are to do “U-Turns” in Academy Way. Signs have now been installed in Academy Way prohibiting this. Remember: This is an illegal turn.

PARENT PORTAL

Catholic Education Melbourne have recently performed an upgrade, which has removed the Parent Portal. We are in the process of re-installing the Parent Portal which should be available next week.

2016 Sacramental Program Dates

Children who are to receive any Sacrament must be a Baptised Catholic or welcomed into the Catholic Church if Baptised in another faith. For any queries please see me or email pmcdowell@olscwyn.catholic.edu.au

Reconciliation (Years 3-6)
Either Saturday, 23rd or Saturday, 30th April at St. Andrew’s Church

First Eucharist (Years 4-6)
Sunday, 5th June at 2.00pm at St. Andrew’s Church

Confirmation (Year 6)
Friday, 12th August at 6.00pm at OLSC Sports Centre

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CANTEEN ORDERS

A reminder to Parents and Students. ALL canteen orders must be received by the School Office via class group tubs no later than 9.00 am each morning.

Orders are placed with Saffron Kitchen at 9.30 am each day and late orders are not able to collected and processed.

We have had a number of children who have forgotten to place their order and ask parents to remind their child to place their order into their learning group tub as they enter their Learning Group in the morning.
BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN (RCIC):

There will be an enrolment meeting on Wednesday, 16th March 2016 at 7pm in the Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. As well as enrolling children, we will explain the program which will run over six Sunday mornings, beginning Sunday, 17th April 2016 to Sunday, 2nd June 2016. 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 the Parish Office on Ph. 9741 4144.

Thank you. Norma Marot, RCIC Coordinator

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Beginning Monday 1st February I will be offering Scripture Reflection at OLSC on Monday afternoons from 2.00 pm. It will focus on the upcoming Sunday’s Gospel and will be a quiet time for discussion, reflection and a bit of socializing too! Come and spend a relaxing 40 mins or so before picking up the children and getting back to the grind of everyday life. I look forward to meeting many mums, dads, grandparents and carers.

Lou Sullivan
Pastoral Worker Wyndham Vale Community
St Andrews Parish

MS FUNDRAISER

We have been asked to support Sophia Lima & her mother Daisy, who are participating in “Ride the MS Melbourne Cycle” on Sunday 6th March 2016. This ride is a fundraiser to assist those living with multiple sclerosis. To show our support the SRC have organised a Casual Dress Day for Friday 4th March. We encourage all children to participate and make a gold coin donation.

You can also help raise funds by donating directly to Daisy’s team which can be found at: msmelbournecycle.org.au and search for Daisy Lima.

SCHOOL STREAM APP

We remind all parents to download the School Stream app to your smartphone, ipad or tablet.

This App is a useful tool for communication between the school and families, allowing for instant notifications and less wastage of paper.

LEARNING CENTER HELPER COURSE

A reminder to parents who are interested in being a Learning Centre Helper, to register your name at the Office for the Learning Centre Helper Course to be held on either 23rd February or 2nd March.

We have been informed that a student in LC2 and LC3 have been diagnosed with Chicken Pox. Please ensure that if your child exhibits any signs, which include a low fever and rash, we ask that you consult your Doctor and advise the School Office.
Our Lady of the Southern Cross

MACKILLOP COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Tuesday 23 February 2016
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, 2017

Application for Enrolment to Year 7, 2017 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 26 February 2016.

PIANO / KEYBOARD LESSONS with MICHELLE WAN at Our Lady of the Southern Cross Primary School.

- Individual (one to one) or Group Lessons. 30 minutes duration.

Please visit website for information before ringing.

Michelle Wan has been teaching primary school children piano from 1998 to present and at OLSC since 2011. Her music teaching experience commenced at Box Hill TAFE Music Department from 1994-2000.

Her credentials include composing commercial music for Channel 31 and for various other organisations in the music industry.

- M.Wan’s music website at http://music-mw.blogspot.com/ Enquiries & Enrolments. Ring, SMS (text) or Email ☏ 0450 578 328 E: ausland@yahoo.com

When commencing for the first time in the piano lesson program, the student does not need to start at the beginning of the term. Please check Terms & Conditions. On your email’s subject box quote “Piano Lessons OLSC - Group” or “Piano Lessons OLSC - Individual”.

Please check the OLSC Website for an enrolment form.
Our Lady of the Southern Cross

**HOT SHOTS TENNIS – GRADES 2 & 3**

FREE HOTSHTOSES LESSON

OUR LADY OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS
Bookings NOW OPEN for TERM 1 - 2016

Come try tennis at
WERRIBEE CENTRAL TENNIS CLUB
Shaws Road - Galvin Park - Werribee

BOOKINGS:
www.origintennis.com.au/contact-us
We welcome Dr George Otero to the St John the Apostle Community. Join us to explore partnerships for learning.

Parents who were part of our school last year will remember that 5 of our staff, with staff from each of the other Werribee parish school and the parish, went to Sante Fe with Fr Frank during the September school holidays to work with Dr George Otero and see his initiatives on family-school partnerships.

We are initiating a number of strategies and processes within our schools and the parish community in response to our work with George.

He is currently back in Melbourne working with another group of schools and he has made one day available to the Werribee parish schools. We would like to invite the parents from each school to hear him first hand. Attached to the newsletter and on our app is the invitation and a return slip. St John the Apostle in Tarneit is hosting the event and we hope that many of you will join the other school parents to hear this very charismatic and knowledgeable man speak.

We ask that all reply slips are returned to OLSC school office by Wednesday 17th February. Thank you.

Dr George Otero
www.relationalearning.com