

PARENTS AND FRIENDS FACEBOOK PAGE HAS BEEN CLOSED.

Over the last week we have had parent information meetings for each of the learning centres. During these meetings we talked about the impacts of social media on children and the fact that primary age children should not be using social media.

The leadership team at school gave this more thought and we have decided to ensure our communication processes reflect this advice to parents. We have therefore closed the Parents and Friends Facebook page. We will be using the School Stream as a communication tool for our Parents and Friends and you will notice an additional page being added over the next few days.

We realise that many parents used this site to sell second hand uniform and we will be initiating a mid-term and end of term sale day.

Please keep your eyes on School Stream for more information.

NOTES SENT HOME :

YEAR 2 & 3:

* Catholic School Guide 2018

PREP - 4:

* Wilson - Let's go Tennis



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EARLY DISMISSAL

A reminder to families that children are not be collected between 2.30 pm - 3.15 pm.

Due to the number of requests for early dismissal during this time, it has become quite disruptive to teaching time.

We ask that any early dismissals required during this time be period to the office in advance.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 9th February

*Playgroup
9.00 am - 10.00 am
South Hub

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS

Full Summer Uniform

Wednesday 21st February

Parents & Friends Meeting
7.00 - 8.00 pm
ALL WELCOME

Thursday 22nd February

Whole School Assembly
2.30 pm
Sports Hall

Friday 23rd February

*Playgroup
9.00 am - 10.00 am
South Hub

Thursday 1st March

Whole School Mass
9.15 - 10.15 am
Sports Hall

FRIDAY 9TH MARCH:

*SCHOOL CLOSURE - TEACHER
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
DAY*

MONDAY 12TH MARCH:

*SCHOOL CLOSURE - PUBLIC
HOLIDAY*

THURSDAY 29TH MARCH:

LAST DAY OF TERM 2



POPE FRANCIS' LENTEN MESSAGE

Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each community and every believer. Above all it is a "time of grace" (2 Cor6:2).

God does not ask of us anything that he himself has not first given us. "We love because he first has loved us" (1 Jn4:19).

He is not aloof from us. Each one of us has a place in his heart.

He knows us by name, he cares for us and he seeks us out whenever we turn away from him.

He is interested in each of us; his love does not allow him to be indifferent to what happens to us.

Sacramental Program 2018:

Please return Sacramental notes that were sent out last week if your child is to be part of our Program for 2018.

If you have any questions please see Paul or email
pmcdowell@olscwyn.catholic.edu.au

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. Each learning group has their own Project Compassion box.

BIG WRITE/BIG TALK

Big Write is a framework we use to teach the skills necessary to be effective writers. VCOP stands for Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation...the four essential elements needed to make any piece of writing interesting, engaging, entertaining and "flow". The whole school has Big Write Thursday; this is a celebration of students' learning and gives students the opportunity to write. An independent writing atmosphere is created through the use of calming music. Teachers roam talking to the students throughout writing time, have a focus group if needed go around and prompt/remind the students to use correct punctuation, or help them find a word in the dictionary.



The night prior to Big Write we ask that you work with your child & have a Big Talk session at home. Your child will have key questions in their diary or a stimulus on their Learning group blog to talk about. Please read the following:



To My Family

I need to talk about my ideas and opinions with as many family members as possible. A great time to do this is while we are all sitting at the table for dinner. Could we please not have the TV on so that I can concentrate.

I would love to hear your opinions and ideas as well as tell you mine. Please remember to use the word 'because' to explain why you think that and remind me to do the same. That way when I do my Big Write I will have so many ideas to make my writing exciting.

Can you give me some VCOP for my writing?

V = vocabulary, wow words to use

C = Connectives, words that I can use to join my ideas together

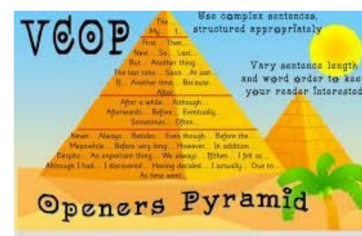
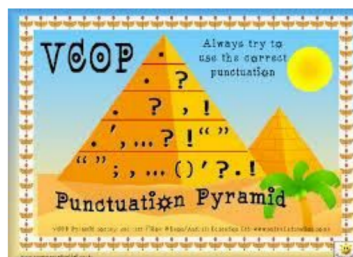
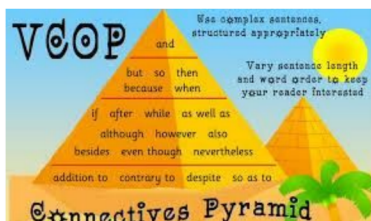
O = Openers, amazing ways to start my sentences

P = Punctuation, suggest when I could use commas, exclamation marks etc.

Thanks, I know that with your help I will be an amazing writer.

Love

Your child.



ICT News and Tips

Over the last week we have had parent information evenings for each of our learning centres. A main part of these evenings were to sign the eSmart Student Responsible Use Agreement for 2018. This document outlines the rights and responsibilities of both parents and students in the use of ICT at our school. It also explains the consequences for misuse. During the information evenings we explained that cybersafety is just as important at home and gave some tips on supporting you with this. Some parents wanted resources to support them. There are three websites listed at the bottom of the agreement:

<http://cybersmartparents.global2.vic.edu.au/>

<https://esafety.gov.au/>

<http://www.bewebsmart.com/>

For information on how to change the parental controls on devices, see:

<https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/7-ways-infographic>

Digital Parenting, a checklist:

- Embrace their world.
- Teach them to respect their devices and have 'screen free' time.
- Use parental controls on computers & devices.
- Help manage their digital footprints and reputation.
- Talk about The Golden Rule...if you wouldn't say something to someone's face then don't text it, Skype it, Facebook it, IM it or post it.
- Agree on downloads...which music, games, sites?
- Establish guidelines for managing time online and where they will use their devices.
- Reassure them that if anything happens that makes them feel scared, mean or suspicious and they tell you, you will not 'pull the plug'. (source: [Common Sense Media](#))



(source: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/kids-online-infographic>)

The following are the URL's for the learning centre blogs, learning group blogs are linked to each of these and the slideshow for each of the evenings can also be found on the blogs under 'Communication.'

LC1 <http://lc12018.global2.vic.edu.au/>

LC2 <http://lc2018.global2.vic.edu.au/>

LC3 <http://lc32018.global2.vic.edu.au/>

LC4 <http://lc42018.global2.vic.edu.au/>



St. Andrew's Parish Lenten Program 2018

Join us on Mondays at 2.00pm at OLSC to experience this very inspirational Lenten Program, **SURRENDER**. The sessions are open to parents, grandparents, carers, aunts, uncles, friends, neighbours.....**EVERYONE!**

The book costs \$10 and will be available to buy at the sessions. Sessions will continue for 6 weeks. We begin our program on Monday 12th February. Please come to the office to sign in and Ruki or Jane will direct you to where the session is being held.

(Other sessions: Thursdays, 1.30pm, Penola Hub
Thursdays, 7.30pm, Penola Hub)

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OPEN DAY **ST. ANDREWS TENNIS**

SUNDAY
18th FEBRUARY 2018
1PM - 5 PM

WE WELCOME ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OF
ALL AGES AND SKILLS LEVEL FOR A FUN
AFTERNOON.

BBQ WILL BE HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS

COACH - PAUL BOZZO
ASSISTANT COACH - BRANDON BORG




Do you or your child love to dance and perform?

Come and shine on stage with the swarm at Beejay's Calisthenics Club!

Calisthenics is a team-based sport that offers a unique combination of dancing, singing, gymnastics and technical skill, developing strong, confident leaders through friendship and teamwork.

Your first class is free - so come and give calisthenics a try!



Beejay's
Calisthenics Club

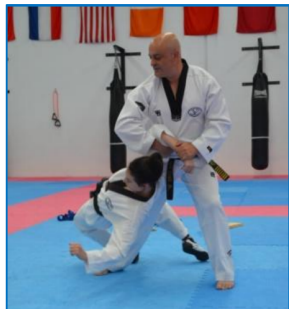
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CITY WEST TAEKWONDO

POINT COOK

C/- Seabrook Primary School Gym
Point Cook Road, Point Cook
T: 9748 8833 M: 0402 314 900
Instructor: Zack Markovski - 3rd Dan



HOPPERS CROSSING

Club Headquarters
111 Elm Park Drive, Hoppers Crossing
T: 9748 8833 M: 0419 411 211
Head Instructor: Frank De Pasquale - 7th Dan



MANOR LAKES*

C/- Manor Lakes College Gym
Minindee Road, Manor Lakes
T: 9748 8833 M: 0419 598 874
Instructor: Anthony D'Rosario - 4th Dan



Mini Stars Program - Kids (5-7yrs)

Gives confidence to kids..... our exclusive Mini Stars Program starts at 5yrs old and is suitable for young children. This structured program promotes valuable life lessons from early childhood as well as encourages discipline in a fun and friendly learning environment.

Juniors Taekwondo Program - Kids (8-13yrs)

Where leadership is promoted and rewarded..... our Juniors Program focuses largely on student growth and development. We pride ourselves on developing kids to their full potential through positive interaction, engagement and practice. Many of our Juniors are recognised for their distinctive leadership qualities and are rewarded with leadership roles at school and within local community.

**Beginners
2 FREE*
LESSONS**