



# From the Heart



Newsletter No. 14

15th May, 2024

## COMING UP AT OLSH...

### MAY

- Thurs 16th** Walk to school day
- Fri 17th** Division Cross Country
- Mon 20th** Pentecost celebration
- Tues 28th** Regional Cross Country—St Arnaud
- Fri 31st** Out Lady of the Sacred Heart feast day

### JUNE

- Tues 4th** Advisory Council
- Tues 18th** Experience Rochester Secondary school day
- Ri 21st** Last day of term - Open Classrooms

## *From the Principal...*

May 15th,

Dear Families,  
What a wonderful turn out we had to our two key events last week, the Cluster Cross Country and the combined Mother's Day activities at the Memorial Hall. Thanks to everyone who was able to make it along and partake in these opportunities - it really does demonstrate how alive and well our school spirit is.

### **State Government Funding**

Last week, the Labour state government announced that all parents with a child in a state school would receive a Saving Bonus payment of \$400 for each child attending school, this is regardless of family income. For Catholic Schools however, only parents with valid concession cards qualify for this payment. As a Catholic system of schools, we are challenging this, as we feel that the same qualifying standard should apply to all families regardless of which school they attend. It would send a powerful message to the government if parents from our school contact the office of our local member, who just happens to be the state premier in Jacinta Allan, and let her know of your disappointment in this inequity and discrimination for families who have opted to send their children to a Catholic school. To contact Jacinta Allan you can call her office directly on **5443 2144** or email her on

[jacinta.allan@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:jacinta.allan@parliament.vic.gov.au)

If you would like any support in regards to this please let me know and I am very happy to help out.

### **Walk to School Day - Thursday May 16**

A reminder that tomorrow morning, Thursday May 16, is walk to school day, which involves OLSH, EPS and the Kindergarten. We will gather at the Railway Station at 8.30 and make our way back to school. Everyone is most welcome to join us for this walk, the more the merrier!!

### **Pentecost Celebration**

Pentecost is a significant celebration in the Catholic Church which acknowledges the time when Jesus had departed and the disciples were bestowed by the Holy Spirit. This is a special moment, which effectively marks the beginning of the church's mission to the world and to spread the word of Jesus for all to hear. To acknowledge this day, we will invite the students to wear something either red, yellow or orange to school on Monday in recognition of the flame of the Holy Spirit coming down on the disciples.

### **School Review next week**

Next week, from Tuesday through to Thursday, we have three visitors to our school who are reviewing all that we do in relation to learning and teaching and student well being. Thank you so much to those parents who have volunteered to speak to the panel over these days, it is appreciated enormously. If anyone would like to be a late entry to this schedule, please let me know.

### **Achievement Program requirement**

Over the past 18 months I have been working through school documentation and processes with a group called Achievement Program, who are committed to ensuring that all schools offer safe and secure environments for children to thrive in, and that the school promotes healthy lifestyle choices for everyone connected to our community. With this in mind, I am therefore obliged to share information with you in regards to QUIT Victoria, which is dedicated to helping all Victorians with a smoking habit to be able to have the resources to kick the habit. For more information on this please visit the **QUIT** website on [quit.org.au](http://quit.org.au) or call **137848**

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# School News

## LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Week 5: Congratulation to Nathan, Ken, Chris, Dawn, Zara and Bess for being named our learners of the week.

Thank you to all the special people in our lives for joining us last week to celebrate Mothers Day. Hope you all had a beautiful day on Sunday.



# Catholic Identity



This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday a significant day in the liturgical calendar. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter. The Spirit is with us when we are compelled beyond complacency; when we get out of our own way to do something for someone else or to sign on for a cause that matters. The Spirit is that moving force, the insistent whisper, the part of us that cannot say no. It's the Godly get-up-and-go that moves our lives. The Spirit is the force-field for good, the compassionate activism, the urge for justice, the living out of the message of Jesus.



# Community News

## KANGAROO FLAT FAMILY FUN DAY



**FREE  
ENTRY**

**SUNDAY  
MAY 26, 2024**

**12PM  
TO 3PM**

PONY RIDES ▽ INDIGENOUS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES  
THE ZONE ROCK CLIMBING WALL ▽ LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
ROVING CHARACTERS ▽ SPORTING ACTIVITIES  
CHILL OUT ZONE ▽ HENNA PAINTING ▽ ART AND CRAFT  
TZR REPTILES AND WILDLIFE DISPLAY ▽ FACE PAINTING  
FREE GIVEAWAYS! ▽ BBQ SAUSAGES, SOUP AND BREAD  
ROLL, VEGGIE BURGERS AND CHICKEN STICKS - ALL \$2 EACH

**KANGAROO FLAT PRIMARY SCHOOL  
60 OLYMPIC PARADE, KANGAROO FLAT**



Library Agencies



## Storytimes 2024

Nurture your child's listening and learning skills in fun-filled sessions of stories, songs and rhymes.

FEB-JUN

MON 5 FEB  
MON 19 FEB  
MON 4 MAR  
MON 18 MAR  
MON 15 APR  
MON 29 APR  
MON 13 MAY  
MON 27 MAY  
MON 24 JUN



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