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<u>12/5/25</u>





Mother's Day Breakfast

Friday, 9th May

On Friday, 9th May we celebrated all of our wonderful Mothers and Grandmothers with a special breakfast of bacon and egg rolls and coffee. We had a wonderful turnout and the weather kindly cooperated!

A big thank you to our OLW staff for coming in early to prepare breakfast and help ensure that our mums and grandmothers were spoilt (as they should be!)

I would also like to extend a big thank you to our mums who assisted with the purchasing (thank you Vicki!), wrapping (Marie, Victoria & Melissa), preparation and selling of gifts at our Mother's Day stall. This could not have happened without your assistance and support, so thank you!

A big thank you to Sravya for designing our flyers, Melissa who kindly donated gifts for our Mother's Day raffle from her business *Henri Maison* & Kathy for setting up the Mother's Day photo backdrop from her business- @\_DaretoPicnic\_. Mrs Thomson will share some lovely photos with families shortly.



Thank you to Marie, Victoria & Melissa for wrapping all hampers!



Mother's Day Door Prize Winners (L-R) Gigi & her mum Jacquline (3<sup>rd</sup>), Ezra & his mum Lisa (2<sup>nd</sup>) & Leopold & his mum Liz (1st).





Mother's Day stall in action!



### WINTER UNIFORM

As we transition to cooler weather, the children are welcome to begin wearing their winter uniform now. We are mindful that there are often warmer days for the first few weeks of Term 2 and as such the children may continue to wear their summer uniform. Stockings under summer dresses are not considered part of our uniform.

We ask that all children are in their Winter unform by Monday 19th May (Week 5).

We are also permitting students to continue wearing shorts throughout the winter months if they wish. Although hats are not compulsory in Term 2, children are welcome to wear them especially on warmer days or days when the UV index is higher.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION -PARENT INFORMATION EVENING (TUESDAY, 13TH MAY)

We invite parents and students in Year 6, who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, to an information evening on **Tuesday**, **13**<sup>th</sup> **May at 6 pm in the school hall.** Our Religious Education Leader, Mrs Micomonaco, will lead the evening. The intention of the evening is to deepen the children's understanding of the Sacrament of Confirmation and clarify information about how the celebration, on 5th June, will take place and how the children can be best prepared. A letter will be sent home to parents this week.

## DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

The District Cross Country is being held this Wednesday, 14th May at Edwardes Park Lake, commencing at 10 am. We wish all of our competitors good luck! A big thank you to Mrs Lucy Van Ballegooy for preparing the students for the day.

## OUR LADY OF THE WAY FEAST DAY (FRIDAY, 23RD MAY)

We will be celebrating our Feast Day on Friday, 23rd May, with all students attending mass at 10 am. Parents and Grandparents are most welcome to join us.

## Students are welcome to wear plain clothes on this day (Year 6s will need to bring interschool sport uniform).

We will continue to celebrate our Parish Community throughout the day with a DJ and sausage sizzle.

## PREP / YEAR 6 BUDDY MASS (SUNDAY, 25TH MAY)

To welcome our Prep families to the OLW Community we invite our Prep families, together with their Year 6 Buddies and families to celebrate mass on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> May at 9 am. This will be followed by a morning tea where our families will have the opportunity to meet with local parishioners. A note will be sent home to our Prep and Year 6 families.

## EARLY NOTICE - TERM 2, SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Our staff will be attending a Professional Learning day on Monday, 26th May to further develop understandings of the Science of Learning in the areas of Literacy and Mathematics. This day will be a school closure day for all students. TheirCare will be operating on this day.



## **NO FOOD SHARING / BIRTHDAY TREATS - REMINDER**

In order to minimise risk in the school in relation to food and allergies, I ask that parents do not send along cakes, lolly bags or any other food treat on special celebration days. Thank you to our parents who have adhered to this request, it is great to see bubble wands, stickers etc. coming in in lieu of the tradional lolly bag! I suggest stickers, pencils, stamps or novelty items such as silly straws. Whilst this may seem unfortunate, I ask for your support with this. It is in the best interest of our children.

#### KEY ENROLMENT DATES FOR YEAR 5 STUDENTS IN 2025 - CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGE ENROLMENT (STUDENTS STARTING YEAR 7 IN 2027)

If your child is in Year 5 (2025) this year, it is time to enrol for a place at a CATHOLIC secondary college for the 2027 academic year. Below are some important dates to be aware of:

Key Enrolment Dates for our YEAR 5 students (2025) for Catholic Secondary Enrolment

Term 1 – 28 January 2025: Applications open for Year 5 students commencing Year 7 in 2027.

Term 3 – 15 August 2025: APPLICATIONS CLOSE.

Term 3 – 29 August 2025: Principals exchange a full list of applications with neighbouring colleges, including parish of residence.

Term 3 - 12 September 2025: Principals exchange a full list of applications with neighbouring colleges, identifying proposed offers and non offers.

Term 4 – 17 October 2025: Offers posted to prospective Year 7, 2027 applicants.

Term 4 – 7 November 2025: Final date for families to accept offer made by the school.

### SCHOOL SWIMMING YEARS 3 - 6 (TERM 2)

As part of our Physical Education Program all children are expected to attend Swimming Lessons. Swimming costs are included in the Levy Payment.

Swimming lessons will be held at YMCA Leisure City in Epping for all students in Years 3 - 6 every Tuesday and Thursday, commencing Tuesday, 29th April for four weeks. Lessons will end on Thursday, 22nd May. Students will travel by bus to and from the venue.

If your child is unable to partake in the swimming lessons, a medical certificate must be produced. (Please notify the office with the medical certificate).

À note was sent home last term providing further details.

Parents are welcome to watch lessons in the viewing room however are not permitted in changerooms. All dates are elsewhere in this newsletter and can also be found in the school calendar.

#### SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Our after school sporting program begins this Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May from 3.45 pm - 4.45 pm for our Year Prep-2 students with an AFL focus. Please see elsewhere in the newsletter for registration information.

#### **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM**

Our Instrumental Music Program commenced in Term 1 and has been growing steadily.

If you would like to enrol your child in either keyboard or guitar lessons, please email me and I will pass your details on to the Instrumental Music Teachers.

Prep Parents please note - your children will be able to enrol in the program in Term 3.



## **Interschool Sport Fixture for Senior students, 2025**

All Football & Soccer games will be held at J.C. Donath Reserve, Reservoir. All Netball & T-ball games will be held at the Home School.



## PHRASE OF THE FORTNIGHT

Congratulations to everyone who found out that 'come rain or shine' means no matter what happens, we will go ahead.

Our new word for the fortnight is 'virtue'

Find out its meaning and see if you can add this to your vocabulary this week.

Have a great fortnight! Grace Lucic



## Calendar Dates - Term 2, 2025

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MONDAY 12/5	Assembly (3 pm)
TUESDAY 13/5	Swimming (all year 3 - 6 students) Sporting schools AFL program begins (3.45 - 4.45 pm) Year 6 Sacramental evening (Confirmation) - 6 pm in the hall
WEDNESDAY 14/5	School Tours (9.15 am) District Cross Country at Edwardes Lake
THURSDAY 15/5	Swimming (all Year 3- 6 students)
FRIDAY 16/5	Prep 2026 Applications close Prep & Year 5/6 Class Mass (10 am) Interschool Sport- BYE
MONDAY 19/5	Assembly (3 pm) Winter Uniform to be worn from today
TUESDAY 20/5	Swimming (all year 3 - 6 students) Prep 2026 Interviews begin Sporting schools AFL program (3.45 - 4.45 pm)
THURSDAY 22/5	Swimming (all year 3 - 6 students) Prep 2026 Interviews continue
FRIDAY 23/5	OLW Feast Day- 10 am Mass Interschool Sports- Home Game Vs Reservoir Views PS
SUNDAY 25/5	Prep and Year 6 Buddy Mass (9 am) followed by morning tea
MONDAY 26/5	School Closure Day (Staff offsite at Professional Learning Day - Shaping Minds) TheirCare will be running a full day program today.
TUESDAY 27/5	Prep 2026 Interviews conclude Swimming (all Year 3 - 6 students) Sporting Schools AFL program begins
THURSDAY 22/5	Swimming (all Year 3 - 6 students) final sessions Bishop Rene visiting all Year 6 students







## TheirCare Program



#### Week 3 -Mother's Day!

We have had such an incredible time this week celebrating and preparing for mother's day!

We have had some incredible conversations about our mother figures in our lives, what they do for us and how we can say thank you to them!

Take a look at what we got up to!

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

WE CANNOT STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF **BOOKING** EARLY, AND COMMUNICATING WITH OUR STAFF.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE BOOKING AS EARLY AS YOU CAN, AS BOOKING IN ADVANCE SUPPORTS US TO STAFF THE PROGRAM ADEQUATELY IN LINE WITH OUR LEGAL 1:15 RATIO.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT PLANS CHANGE, AND IT CAN HAPPEN LAST MINUTE, BUT COMMUNICATION IS KEY SO PLEASE REMEMBER TO GIVE US A CALL TO ALERT US OF ANY LAST MINUTE CHANGES, SO THAT WE CAN STAFF APPROPRIATELY AND SUPPORT YOU BEST.

#### Activity highlights

- Card making we had 2 different card making activities this week, 1 that used our very own hands to shape the card and allowed us to write beautiful messages in our hands, and the other that was more of a general card that we used lots of decorative materials such as glitter, washi tape, pom poms and more to make beautiful and thoughtful cards to give to our Mums or guardians on Sunday!
- We had an amazing time playing SPUD game this week, a game that we haven't played in a while! Similar to H.O.R.S.E, this game is about avoiding strikes, which makes resilience and persistence KEY. The children all supported one another in this game, cheered each other on and made it an awesome afternoon activity.
  - We had an amazing STEM activity on Wednesday where we began a Salt -Crystal experiment! We boiled salty water and poured them into jars. Once they cooled, we could handle the jars and dip our feather into it, holding it up with string and a peg. They are staying at the service for the weekend to develop and hopefully we will come back to some beautiful Salt Crystals!





## **Community News**







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Open Day - Jiu-Jitsu & Judo

## <u>Monday 12th May</u>



#### Come along and try it out!

Judo will teach you how to fall correctly with minimum injury, how to throw a person, and grappling and ground skills. Extending the Judo training methods of falling, kata, and randori in Jiu-Jitsu we practice direct trained responses to common and realistic attacks. Classes include both Jiu-Jitsu & Judo.

We hope to provide self-discipline and individual initiative, mental alertness and physical training, body coordination, control and self-confidence. As well as a system of practical self defence and recreational activity. We use a range of training methods such as

- · Cooperative, paired practice
- · Randori: free practice, Shiai: contest
- · Games in kids classes

CLASS		
When?	Monday nights - starting Monday 12th May 2025	
	Age 6-13: 6:15-7:15PM :	
Age 13+ & Adults: 7:15 - 8:45PM		
Where?	Heidelberg Presbyterian Church (Lower level), 110 Hawdon St, Heidelberg - *Access from side of church	
How much?	FREE for the month of MAY 2025. Generally \$10 for kids and \$15 for adults per class plus annual registration	
How to sign up?	email SenseiOwen@jiujitsu.org.au to express your interest	
What to wear?	For new students, wear loose fitting clothing (track pants and T-shirt) and initially you can borrow a spare gi (jacket)	
Who can learn?	Males and Females from 6 through 70. No prior experience is required.	

#### INSTRUCTOR

Sensei Owen has been an instructor for adults and kids classes for over 20 years in Macleod, Viewbank, Blackburn and Box Hill.



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