



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Frank De Tullio

Welcome back Term 3

Welcome back to you all and a very special welcome to new friends and families. It was heartening to see the new Reception students and new Growing into Reception students starting. Their enthusiasm is infectious. It is a pleasure to have all new families be a part of our community.

New Building

The Reception and Year 1 students, parents and teachers are loving our new area. The building has a sense of calmness and already great learning experiences are taking place in it. Lynne Sharratt, in Clarity talks about the classroom environment as the Third Teacher, she states, "The learning space becomes a strategic tool in promoting creativity, originality, perseverance, risk taking, learning from mistakes, problem solving, resolving conflict, collaboration and critical thinking".

Parents welcomed the opportunity to view the new building with many favourable comments. The new Early Years Playground will be completed by next week, it is starting to take shape and the students are eager to begin to use it.

Stage 2 – Middle Years Building – the documentation and plans for this building are nearly completed. We will tender this building (following CESA's Tender Procedures) by the end of August. Our aim is to begin building at the start of October, with an aim of classes being in the building by the start of Term 3 2024. Funding for this building project has been approved.

This is an exciting time for our school.



Parent Teacher Conversations

Parent Teacher Conversations (Parent Interviews) will be conducted next week with Wednesday 9 August being the late night. Amelia Maddern's class 5/6AM will have their interviews in Week 5 (The code for those interviews is vq5g6)

If you are yet to do so, times can be made via the online booking system for interviews. Please follow the information to use the new School Interview system www.schoolinterviews.com.au:

Enter school code – eevp7

Select the teacher/s you wish to meet

Select the times that best suit your family

Click finish and an email confirming the times will be sent to you.

These times will be sent to your child's teacher. Interviews times are 15 minute blocks. You will receive a confirmation email once you have booked.

Communication between home and school is vital for effective teaching to take place. These interviews will give both teachers and parents an opportunity to discuss how your child is progressing. Meetings will be for 15 minutes and please be punctual so that everyone can get their full appointment time. Children are not allowed outside to play during interview times because of safety and supervision concerns. Year 2 & 3 Classes, Learning Conversations will take place in the new Early Years Building.

Living Learning Leading Parent and Caregiver Survey

Please can I ask for three to five minutes of your time to complete a short survey to support us in always striving towards excellence in our performance as a school. This LLL survey is an opportunity for you to tell how things are for you and your family and know that we value your feedback and will try to respond to the information that you provide.

The feedback does NOT include the data of individuals; rather, feedback involves graphs based on feedback from all parents and caregivers. To ensure anonymity, aggregated scores are not provided for groups of less than four parents or caregivers. It is your impressions that we are seeking. There are no right or wrong answers.

If you have more than one child at school, please respond based on the experience of their oldest child at the school. This information was emailed this week.

Parking, road safety, driver etiquette

School drop-off and pick-up times are busy for everyone. For everyone's sake, we want this to happen in a safe and courteous manner, including not parking or stopping your vehicle in a 'no parking/standing' area; this includes on solid yellow lines and across driveways.

Therefore, please demonstrate consideration and patience, as well as travelling slowly around the school.



Catholic Identity

Prayer

A Dominican Blessing

May God the Father bless us.

May God the Son heal us.

May God the Holy Spirit enlighten us,

and give us

eyes to see with,

ears to hear with,

hands to do the work of God with,

feet to walk with,

a mouth to preach the word of salvation with,

and the angel of peace to watch over us and lead us at last, by our Lord's gift, to the Kingdom.

Amen.

Student Representative Council (SRC)

Congratulations to our new SRC's.

At Our Lady of the Visitation School we are committed to fulfilling our promise to our students to see them thrive and have a voice. One of the many ways we do this is through having SRC's who attend meetings and seek feedback from their class members.

This semester our SRC's will:

- Lead social Justice initiative
- Lead Masses and Liturgies: Father's Day Liturgy 30.8.23 (Week 6)
- Continue to support ecological initiatives

As leaders for the world God desires, we will begin to reflect on what it means to be Moral, Compassionate and Ecologically Aware and how to be Spiritually Aware and Inspired by Faith by using the CESA Key Capabilities continua as a reflective tool.

We congratulate the following students:

RBB	Annalise P	Nate N
RBS	Hannah B	Jayden B
RCJ	Amelia D	Zac S
RJW	Grace R	Milo D
RMJ	Flynn H	William H
1JI	Harli H	Matthew H
1TB	Willow M	Ake Y
2CJ	Willow H	Angus M
2EH	Lillie T	Otis M

2/3LB	Edie F	Sergio I
3MK	Arok K	Miller S
4KK	Harper C	Lachlan J
5JN	Hailey A	Titan R
5/6AM	Savannah G	Blake W
6MI	Caitlyn F	Xavier A

St Dominic Feast Day Mass

We thank our student leaders for leading our St Dominic's Feast Day Mass on Thursday 3rd August and Father Roderick for being our celebrant. As a Dominican school, at the core of our charism is to seek Truth in all things, through a dialogue of awe and wonder. Thank you Father Roderick for reminding us St Dominic's love for prayer, study, community and contemplation.



Sister Marie Visit

We are so blessed to have Sr Marie be part of our school community. Sr Marie is a Sister of St Joseph.

2CJ, 4KK and 5JN had the honour to hear her story and learn more about the life and legacy of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.



LEARNWELL

Our Foundations for Learning through Wellbeing

We have been successful in obtaining a Parents in Education (PIE) grant. The PIE grant program is supported by the Office of the Minister for Education, Training, and Skills, Government of South Australia.

We have invited Madhavi Nawana Parker to facilitate the parent session on children's anxiety and resilience. Madhavi presented to our staff at our Staff Formation Day last term and we all found her engaging with valuable and practical information to share. For more information about Madhavi and Positive Minds Australia please visit <https://positivemindsaustralia.com.au/>

We are seeking a day and time to facilitate the parent session. For this reason, we are asking families to complete the survey below by nominating a preferred day and time to assist our planning. We sincerely thank you for your time.

<https://forms.office.com/r/ciP4BC39mK>

Survey form closes on Thursday August 10.

LearnWell Team

Frank Detullio, Jhovana Fenu, Amelia Maddern, Alex Tuffin, Julie Taylor and Ges Alvaro

THANK YOU, Your voice matters to us

A sincere thank you to the parents who have already replied to a short (3 to 5 minute) survey about our school's performance. Your

voice matters to us, as we work in partnership for the best learning outcomes for our children.

Remember that to protect your confidentiality all surveys are anonymous. All answers go directly to National School Improvement Partnerships where the results are analysed for our school. Answers from individual surveys will NOT be reported back to OLV. National School Improvement Partnerships staff are bound by a Code of Ethics and follow strict professional conduct.

How to complete the survey

- For each statement, you are asked to rate how well you think our school is performing by selecting one of six responses. The responses are numbered 1 to 6, with number 1 being the lowest or worst rating and number 6 being the highest or best rating.
- If you have more than one child at our school, and your perceptions differ for each child, please respond with respect to your perceptions related to the oldest child enrolled at the school.
- There are no 'right' or 'wrong' answers. Your opinion is what is wanted.
- Please answer all questions.
- Some statements may be fairly similar to other statements. Don't worry about this. Simply give your opinion about all statements.

To get started, go to www.NSIPartnerships.com.au and enter the access code: OLTVLLLP

The Survey will be opened until 25 August 2023. If you have any questions, please see Frank Detullio or Jhovana Fenu

Jhovana Fenu (Acting APRIM)

jfenu@olv.catholic.edu.au



Carpark Safety

For the utmost safety of all our students please adhere to the following carpark rules.

Staff Carpark – Victoria Road

- Between the hours of 8am - 5pm this carpark is for staff only! Do not use it to take/pick up students for OSHC in these times.
- OSHC Parents can only use this carpark between 7am – 8:00am and 5.00pm – 6.00pm. At all other times the rear carpark or Church carparks are to be used.

Church Carpark

- This carpark is not supervised by a teacher before or after school, so please be vigilant in supervising your child/ren.
- The traffic flow is one way at all times please follow the arrows.
- Please don't allow your child/ren to run around the Church and 'play' in this carpark, there have been some close near misses where drivers have not seen children until the last minute.

Back Carpark

- This carpark is supervised by a teacher after school.
- This carpark is a Kiss and Drop Zone only. Do not park and leave your car in to pick up your child/ren.
- Students are to only access cars along the striped pedestrian crossings.
- If you want to park, the only permitted parking is in the diagonal parks along the fence.

For the safety of all our children we ask that you be more vigilant around drop off and pick up times and thank you for your cooperation. We also ask that you kindly pass these reminders on to anybody else who may be picking up or dropping of your child/ren.

OLV Church Carpark



OLV Back Carpark



Phones

During the holidays we have had a new phone system installed. It is still in the early stages with more work to be completed. Once this is finished we will send home more information.

Having a the new phone system means having a new phone number. Our current number will still be in use until the end of the year. However should we need to call you it will be from our new number 84409700. Please store this new number in your phones.



First Aid Training in the Senior Unit

The Year 5 and 6's were fortunate to participate in a St John SA program today which taught our students how to apply first aid.

The First Aid in Schools Program is a community initiative delivered by qualified trainers from St John SA. The aim is to equip children with the first aid skills they need if faced with a medical emergency. The course was fun and informative with hands-on techniques and demonstrations.



Fuji Girls Visiting OLV School

Last Monday our students came together with the Fuji students from Japan and learned about Australian animals during a cultural/language exchange session. Vicky Knight coordinated the session. This gathering helped students build closer ties and share knowledge with lots of enthusiasm.



St Dominic

2CJ

2CJ Have spent some time learning about St Dominic in preparing to celebrate his feast day which is the same day as St Mary MacKillop.

OLV is a Dominican school, and we try to live out the 4 pillars of the Dominican tradition: study, prayer, community, and service/ministry.

The children spent an art lesson drawing St Dominic based on the following image and then were asked to recall facts about him, with the aim being to live more like St Dominic.

- St Dominic is the patron saint of astronomers.
- St Dominic often went barefoot and didn't sleep in a bed so he could relate to the poor of his community.
- St Dominic sold some of his possessions to buy food for the poor.
- It only took 13 years for St Dominic to be canonised after his death in 1221.
- St Dominic believed that education was so important that he started Dominican schools.
- St Dominic taught heretics about God.



St Dominic - Senior Unit - Years 4-6

To celebrate the life and work of St Dominic, whose values we closely follow as a Dominican school, the students in years 4-6 looked at St Dominic's special prayer.

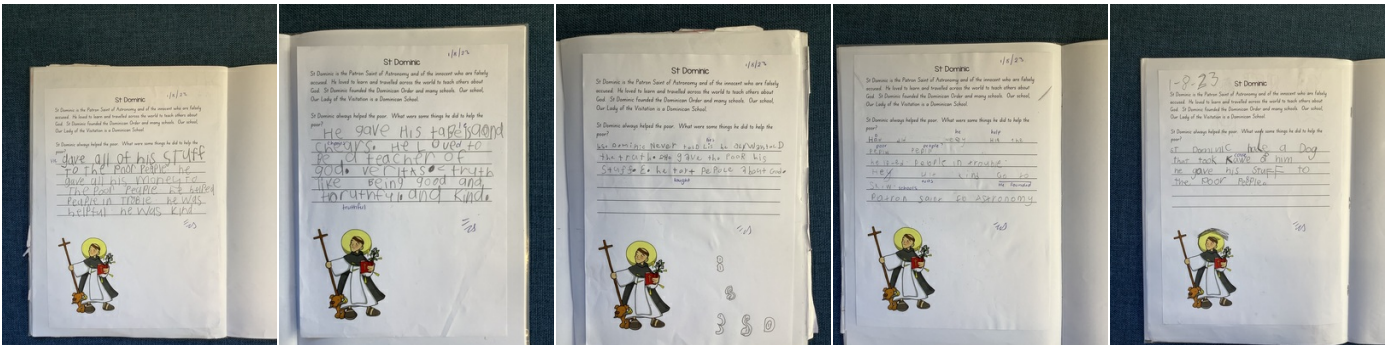
We had a particular focus on the words...

May God give us eyes to see to God, ears to hear God, and hands to bring God's work into the world.

...with the students focussing on how they can continue this today and writing prayers to reflect this.

St Dominic - Year 1

Year 1TB and Year 1JI learnt about St Dominic this week. We focused on what he did and how he helped others.



Single-Use Squeeze Pouches

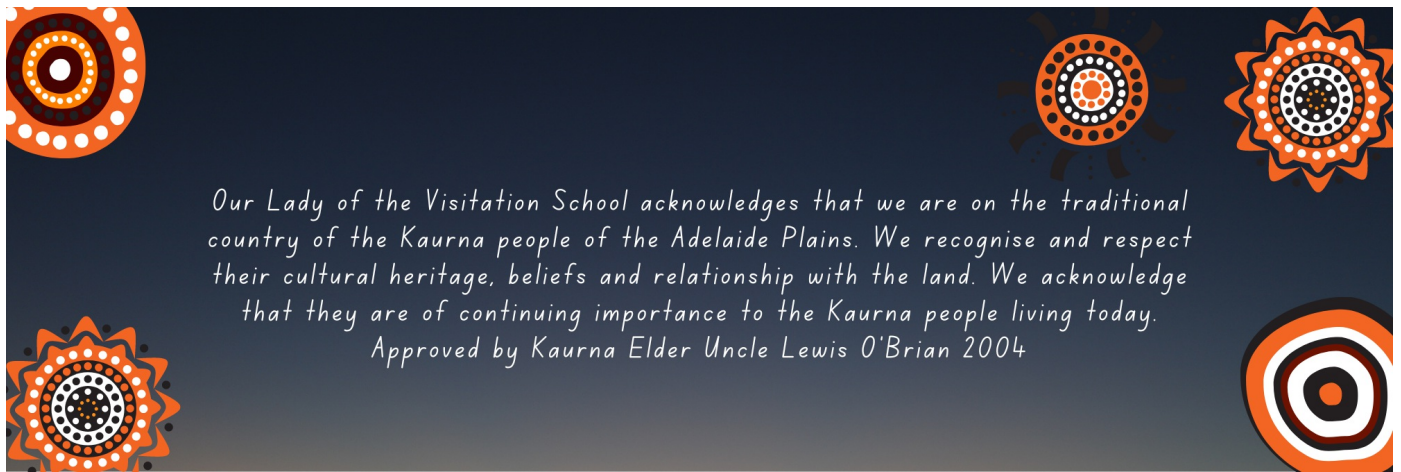
As part of OLV's Nude Food initiative, we encourage families to find alternatives to single-use squeeze yoghurt and custard pouches. It's environmentally friendly and much cheaper than single-use options. You can buy large tubs of yoghurt or custard and put portions into a reusable pouch ("Little Mashies") or a small, reusable container.

One of our parents showed us how easy it is to use Little Mashies pouches. Simply rinse and refill!



Eloise and George proudly enjoying their new Mashies

You can purchase these reusable pouches from Woolworths for \$5 each.



IMPORTANT DATES

T3 Week 3

Parent Conversations
Monday - Thursday

Thursday
10th August

Catholic Schools
Cross Country

Friday
11th August

Assembly 1TB
2.20pm

T3 Week 4

Friday
18th August

Assembly 1JI
2.20pm

T3 Week 5

Book Week
Read, Grow, Inspire!

Monday
21st August

Preschool Closure
Day

Friday
25th August

Book Week
Parade 9.15am
tbc

T3 Week 6

Mon 21st - Wed
30th August

Book Fair



MASSES & LITURGIES



Tuesday 8th August

9.30am

St Marys Feast Day Mass - 2CJ/5JN

Tuesday 15th August

9.30am

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
Mary Mass- 2/3LB & 4KK**

Tuesday 22nd August

9.30am

Mass- GIR





Student **ABSENCES**

Friendly reminder...

All student absences must be reported to the Front Office. Please contact us via phone or email and state the child's name and reason for the absence.

Contact Us

(08) 8248 2480
absent@olv.catholic.edu.au



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

NUDE FOOD TUESDAYS



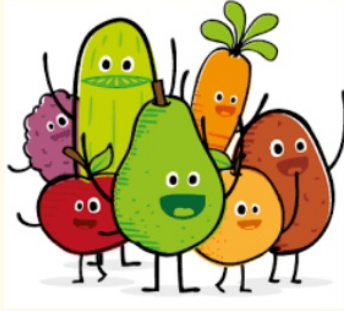
WHAT IS NUDE FOOD?

NUDE FOOD is simply food that is not wrapped in foil, plastic or commercial packaging.



The best type of nude food consists mainly of fresh food, so that it is healthy and nutritious PLUS environmentally friendly.

Promoting nude food empowers students to make conscious choices about what they eat, and encourages them to think about their impact on the environment (and their health). You might be amazed with how enthused your child can become on this...





St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day

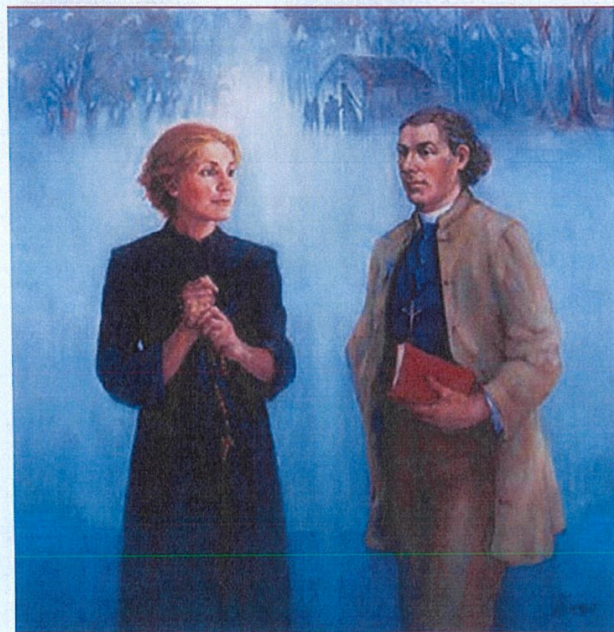
Tuesday 8 August at 9:30am

OLV CHURCH

Led by 2CJ and 5JN

All families are welcome

Celebrant: Father Roderick





EXPERIENCING REJECTION, ACCEPTANCE, and FORGIVENESS with JAN RUFF-O'HERNE

Jeanne Alida "Jan" Ruff-O'Herne AO (18 January 1923 – 19 August 2019)
and this presentation is to mark the centenary of her birth.

Jan was a victim of rape in war. When the Imperial Japanese Army overran south-east Asia, Jan was forced into sexual slavery. For fifty years, many living in Adelaide, she remained silent about her treatment, but then she was inspired to help other victims, known to the Japanese as "comfort women". From the 1990s until her death, Jan became a fearless advocate for these abused women.

Because of the slavery which she endured, Jan experienced rejection, and we will enter these hurts with her. But she also experienced joyful acceptance, and we can join her in these experiences, too.



Jan will speak to us through recorded interviews, plus recollections by her daughter **Eileen Mitton**, and commentary by **Fr Roderick O'Brien**.

**on Sunday 27 August 2023 from 4:00 – 5.00pm
at the Lefevre Catholic Parish Meeting Rooms
253 Military Road, Semaphore (adjacent to Sacred Heart Church)**

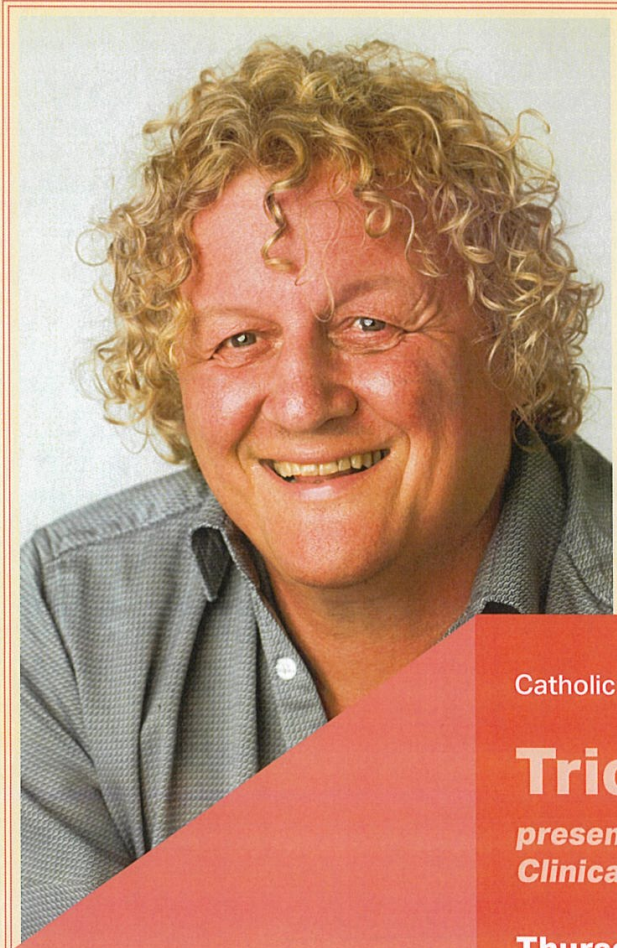
ENQUIRIES Father Roderick O'Brien 8449 6378

Registration is not required.

**A Certificate of Attendance is available for professional development:
For a certificate, please register with Fr Roderick before the event, and on the day.**



**Catholic
School
Parents**
SOUTH AUSTRALIA



Catholic School Parents SA is pleased to present:

Tricky Behaviours

*presented by Andrew Fuller,
Clinical Psychologist*

**Thursday August 10 2023
6.30pm - 8pm (in person or online)**

**Loreto College
Performing Arts Centre
316 Portrush Road, Marryatville**

This Parent Engagement Evening is hosted by Catholic School Parents SA.

Young people with tricky behaviours don't need to be "fixed" because they are not broken. However, they do need help in finding ways to use their strengths and learn different ways to engage with the world. They need guidance on how to thrive and parents are the best ones to provide that support. This session will help you understand the tricky behaviours and learn strategies to increase motivation and strengthen positive family cultures.

Andrew Fuller is a clinical psychologist, family therapist, author, speaker, and creator of Learning Strengths™.

Register via the [CESA Registration Centre](#) or go to the [Events page](#) on the CSPSA Website.

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Celebrating

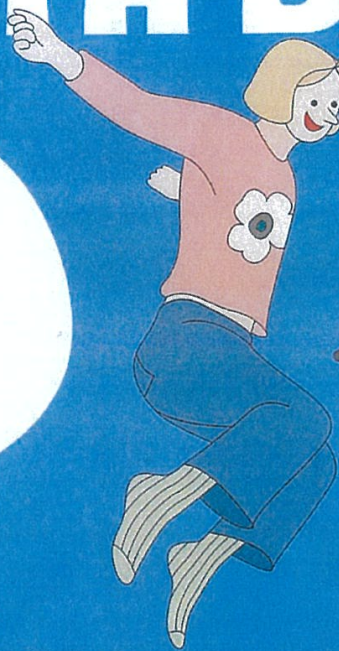
World

YOUTH DAY



**6 AUG 2023
6pm-8pm**

**Free
Entry!**



**Music & Entertainment
BBQ & Takeout
Hang out with Friends
at Our Lady of the Visitation
Church, Taperoo**

For any inquiries, call: 8449 6378

