School Newsletter
March 23rd
Term 1

Mission statement: We are a Catholic School that is Christ centered and lives Mercy values. Our mission is to nurture faith, to grow community, and to achieve excellence.

Value for the Term 1: Social Justice: Social Justice is about being responsible for one another and trying to make sure everyone is treated fairly and justly.

When we stand for social justice, We testify to the presence of the kingdom.
—John Winter

What’s Happening This Week

Greetings

The student leadership groups are fully operational and are all adding value to the life of the school. This is headed by the Student Council who are the key student leaders and student voice in the school. All classes have a fortnightly meeting that is reported back to the student council. The House Leaders have great ideas for the year and each will report on their house soon in the newsletter. Young Vinnies have started their meetings and have plans for the year. They will also provide some information for the newsletter. We value these groups and have high expectations of them. We are blessed to have such willing and able students to carry out these important roles.

Congratulations to Miss Karauria-Henry who became engaged yesterday afternoon to Zac Ioane.

Thank you for the items that you provided last Friday for the PFA Easter Raffle on St Patrick’s Mufti Day. If you have any other items that you would like to contribute they would be greatly appreciated.

Best wishes
Denis

Happy Birthday Mr Aberhart

24hr School Phone Line
A reminder to all parents: please ring the school office & leave us a message when your child is away sick. Ph:348
School Diary

March 24th  
**Full School Assembly**  
Led by Room 4.  
All welcome to attend.

March 27th  
**Values Assembly**  
Led by Room 10.

March 28th  
**Villa Maria Information Night**  
Villa Maria Library  
7pm—8.30pm

March 31st  
**School Mass**  
Please be at school by 8.45am.

March 31st  
**School Disco**  
Juniors - (Year 1-4) 5.30 -7pm  
Seniors - (Year 5-8)  
7.15 - 8.45pm.

April 3rd  
**Values Assembly**  
Led by Room 8.

April 7th  
**Full School Assembly**  
Led by Room 12.  
All welcome to attend.

April 11th  
**School Cross Country**  
Time will be confirmed closer to the date.

April 13th  
**Holy Thursday**  
1.30pm Creative Space.  
Followed by stations of the cross in the Church.

Prayer Packs

This week’s prayer packs go to Jack, Reign, Anne, Maisie, Daniel and Erica.  
Please remember to bring these back on Friday so they are ready for Monday morning.

A Warm Welcome to

A very warm welcome to Daniel, who started in Room 10 this week.  
We hope you enjoy your time at O.L.V.
Room 10 Guessing the weight of the pumpkin for the school competition.
St Patrick’s Day

Chinese calligraphy in Room 8
A Message From the DRS

Week 8

The Best Teacher (Revised for the 21st Century)

He never taught a lesson in a classroom.
He never used an interactive white board.
Not once did he use PowerPoint to make His case.
He did not have internet access … or a computer … or even electricity.

He was not trained by a university education department. He never gained qualified teacher status.
He was never inspected by ERO.
He never crossed the teacher pay threshold.

He never spent time photocopying and laminating resources, or putting up classroom displays.
He never handed out gold stars, house points or certificates. He never wrote end of year reports.

He never referred to the National Curriculum or followed NZQA guidelines.
He kept no records, gave no grades,
and His only text was ancient and well-worn.

His lessons were socially inclusive.
He taught the economically deprived as well as the wealthy; He taught the physically disabled and the
mentally ill
as well as those healthy in body and mind.

His teaching method was the same with all who came to hear and learn. He opened eyes with faith,
He opened ears with simple truth,
and He opened hearts with love … a love born of forgiveness.

He challenged, inspired and healed those He taught.
He changed individuals and transformed communities.
Even so, He was never nominated for a Teacher of the Year Award or knighted for His services to
education.

And yet this quiet teacher from the hills of Galilee continues to feed the needs, fulfil the hopes, and
change the lives of many millions around the world,
for what He teaches brings heaven to earth
and reveals God’s heart to all peoples everywhere.
Villa María Information Evening

Villa Maria College wish to ensure that all girls in Year 8 in our Catholic contributing schools have the opportunity to attend Villa Maria College in 2018.

They always seem to have a waitlist for Preference students for the following year and it is very important that parents realise that applications and supporting documentation must be received by Villa Maria College by the closing date of 26 June 2017. While applications received later are still considered, they are not considered until all those received before the closing date are processed.

Ms Deborah Brosnahan Principal of Villa Maria College will be visiting Our Lady of Victories School with 2 ex OLV students, on Tuesday 28 March 2017 from 7:00pm to 8.30pm in our school library.

The choice of secondary school is so important and Ms Brosnahan prefers to meet with girls and their parents here at school. This is a great opportunity to ask questions of both the students and Ms Brosnahan even if you are considering other options for your child.

PFA

FUNDRAISING 2017
The PFA is pleased to support the School this year by raising funds for:-
- Upgrade of a classroom
- Prizegiving
- Leavers Dinner
- School Magazine
- OLV Swim caps
Please help us to support your school!

SCHOOL DISCO
Save the date - School Disco - Friday 31st March.
Juniors - (Year 1-4) 5.30pm - 7pm
Seniors - (Year 5-8) 7.15pm - 8.45pm.
*****Entry by Gold Coin*****
Sausage sizzle, sweets, popcorn, water and glow toys for sale.

Next PFA meeting - Monday 3rd April, 7pm in the Staffroom.
All parents/caregivers welcome.
Bring a can for the foodbank.

Young Vinnies are collecting cans for the food bank. Please bring a can anytime next week, which is Week 9. We are going to put a box in everyone's classroom so you can put your can in your class box. We are so glad that everyone can help, it makes a big difference. Thank You.

SPORTS THEMED DISCO!

WHEN: 31ST OF MARCH

THEME: SPORTS!

Come in either your sports uniform, or make up an awesome outfit yourself! Remember, you don’t have to come dressed in any sports related things at all, just come in your casual clothes if you choose to!

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