



## OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**21 March 2019**

[www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au)

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Peter-Damien McKinley  
**Principal:** Ms. Patrizia Bertani  
**Parish Mass Times:** Saturday 6:00pm  
Sunday 9:00am, 10:30am & 5:30pm  
**School Phone:** 9312 2230  
**School website:** [www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au)  
*Our Lady's is a Child Safe School*

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.  
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" John 13:34-35*

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Fri 22 Mar**  
8.45am P&F Meeting  
**Sat 30 Mar**  
**School Fete!**  
**Fri 5 Apr**  
Easter Raffle at Assembly  
End of Term 1 3.15pm  
**Fri 19 Apr**  
Good Friday  
**Sun 21 Apr**  
Easter Sunday  
**Mon 22 Apr**  
Easter Monday Public Holiday  
**Tues 23 Apr**  
Start of Term 2 at 8.45am  
**Thurs 25 Apr**  
ANZAC Day Public Holiday  
**Wed 1 May**  
Eucharist Parent Evening  
**Fri 3 May**  
8.45am P&F Meeting  
**Wed 8 May**  
Gr 4 Eucharist Reflection Day  
**Thurs 16 May**  
**Open Day for 2020 Foundation**  
**Tours at 9.30am, 12.00pm, 2.15pm**  
**Mon 10 June**  
Queens' B'day Public Holiday  
**Tues 11 June**  
Professional Learning Day for Staff (Berry St), No School for the children  
**Wed 26 June**  
Three Way Learning Conversations 3.30-5.55pm  
**Thurs 27 June**  
Three Way Learning Conversations 8.00am-3.30pm No School for the children  
**SACRAMENTS**  
**Sun 26 May**  
10.30am 4G Eucharist  
**Sun 2 June**  
10.30am 4H Eucharist  
**Thurs 10 Oct**  
Reconciliation time TBC  
**Fri 15 Nov**  
7.00 Confirmation



Dear Parent,

Last week we celebrated Catholic Education Week at St Patrick's Cathedral along with hundreds of other Catholic Schools from the Archdiocese of Melbourne. This year our School banner had the honour of being 4th in line in the procession of banners because it is our 100th anniversary. The Year Six students who represented the School were chosen to do so by their peers because they have consistently demonstrated the Our Lady's School values. Joshua and Helen proudly carried our School banner in the procession, Ella was part of the offertory procession and Jenny read one of the prayers of the faithful. The mass was celebrated by the new Archbishop Peter Comensoli who you can see pictured with our Year Six students on the steps of St Patrick's Cathedral. It was a very proud moment for all who attended.

### **100 Year Fete**

Our School Fete is nearly here and there was a definite buzz of excitement at the last Fete Committee meeting. The Fete Committee has worked tirelessly to make sure that this event will be filled with fun and exciting stalls, entertainment and rides for everyone who attends. No detail has been forgotten.

*Please let all your family and friends know about our School Fete.*

*Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun.*

*Saturday 30th March from 9am to 3pm*

A big thank you to all the parents who have so generously donated so many items for our Fete. Chocolates, fruit drinks, lollies, chips and Zooper Doopers were donated in abundance. We will be able to sell these items at the Fete and all funds raised will go directly to the School.



**THANK  
YOU  
SO  
MUCH**

### *Saint Joseph Prayer*

*On March 19 we honour Saint Joseph. He was a holy and caring man.*

Saint Joseph, you were a faithful husband to Mary and you watched over Jesus when he was a boy.

We ask you to watch over us too.

Pray for us that we will trust God in all things as you did. Amen



## Our Lady's 100 Year Fete News

A very special donation has been made by an ex student of Our Lady's for the School Fete. Florijan Miocevic is a sculptor and he created the sculpture of *Reader* especially for the Fete. We are very honoured and sincerely thank Florijan for his very touching donation. The sculptor is 45cm in height and is forged from metal and steel which has been coated with adhesive. This sculpture will be auctioned at the Fete at 1:30pm. If you are interested make sure you listen for the auction announcement as this is a beautiful piece of artwork.



## Reader Auction

The Our Lady's staff will also be running a few stalls. They have organised the Our Lady's Café which will be serving a delicious assortment of cakes, tea and coffee all day in the School Hall Kitchen which will be transformed into a beautiful Café. They will also be running the Our Lady's 100 Year Memorabilia stall which will be filled with many different items that commemorate Our Lady's School very special 100th birthday. Come and visit these stalls and see your teachers as you have never seen them before.

The Our Lady's 100 Year Fete is bursting with things to do. Here are just a little sample to get you excited: Mini Golf, Giant Jenga, Bungee Inflatable, Giant Chess and Connect 4, Snack Bar, Delicious Vietnamese Noodles, Spring Rolls and Ice Coffee, the Ice cream van, a Sausage Sizzle, Our Lady's 100 Year Cook book stall, face painting, coloured hairspray, Guess the baby photo, Guess the lolly jar, Slime stall, lucky dips, 2nd hand book store and so much more! You really cannot miss out on this wonderful School Community day of fun and celebration. I look forward to seeing you and your families and friends at this very special Our Lady's 100 Year Fete.

## Volunteers Needed

In order for the Fete to run successfully we are reliant on the kindness and generosity of our many volunteers. We are seeking more people to volunteer to help out at the Fete. Even if it for just a few hours it will be a GREAT help. Please visit the following website and sign yourself up.

<https://volunteersignup.org/7DRJE>



## Child Safety

Thank you to all the parents who have been collaborating with the staff to patiently deal with the water main renewal works that are going on in the Victoria Street side of the School and surrounding streets. We appreciate your collaboration in making sure all children are safe during the peak traffic times before and after School.

Yours sincerely,

*Patrizia Bertani*

**Ms Patrizia Bertani**

**Principal**

[principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au)

Is important that no child is asked by any parent to wait for them alone outside the School grounds. This is against School Policy and Procedures.

By doing this you are placing your child in a situation where they are unsupervised and therefore vulnerable.

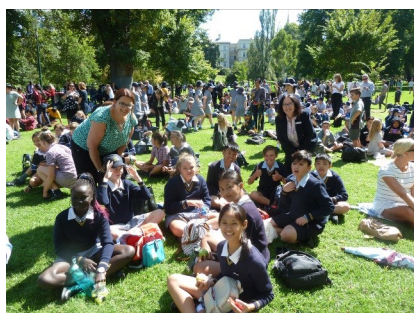
Please collaborate to keep our children safe at all times.



*Celebrating* 100 Years of Catholic Education 1919-2019

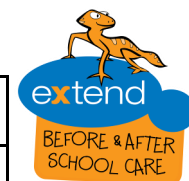


*Celebrating*  
Catholic Education Week  
at Mass for St Patrick





## EXTEND UPDATE.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Crazy science Men-tos challenge	Paint your own style	Creating & deco-rating cakes	Spotting outdoor insects	Drama and dance

### The Extend Superstar is...

Evie for consistently participating in daily activities in a friendly, confident and positive manner. Well Done! ☆

### What's Been Happening?

Here at Extend After School Care we have had another fun-filled week. We finished our 100 Year School celebration posters, practiced emergency drills, decorated our walls with colourful and imaginative pictures and took advantage of the great weather to play lots of group games and sports outdoors. Our team is looking forward to another week of group games, arts and crafts, cooking, sports and fun competitions. Just a reminder family open night will be held on Friday the 22nd of March, so don't forget to come along and enjoy our delicious cake creations.

**Enrol and book now: [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)**

The Parents and Friend's

# EASTER RAFFLE

The P & F Committee are calling for donations for our Easter Raffle.

Donations can be left in the class room or taken to the front office.

Tickets will be sold through QKR for \$1 Each and the raffle will be drawn in the assembly on the last day of term.

PosterMyWall.com

## PROJECT COMPASSION



### Third Sunday of Lent

24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Peter is thrilled to now have clean water on tap at his boarding School. Long walks to unsafe water sources were tiring for Peter, who is living with a disability. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future.**

**Lives change when we all give 100%! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes and via your child's class as well.**



Parents, Grandparents, Aunties and Uncles we need your help to volunteer for a job at our School fete.  
Many hands make light work

Please follow the link and sign up:

<https://volunteersignup.org/7DRJE>

We greatly appreciate your support and by doing so, you are ensuring our fete is as awesome as we are expecting it to be

Thank you ,

OLPS Fete Committee

### ANZAC DAY BADGES

The Sunshine RSL has the following items available for purchase from the Office for ANZAC Day, Thursday 25 April 2019.



# LENTEN FUNDRAISER



On the 25th of March, all the year 6's will be hosting a variety of stalls.

This will be held in the hall from 11:40 AM - 1.15 PM

There will be:

1. Ping Pong (toss into cup)
2. Guess the song
3. Bake/ lolly stalls ("A Most Magical Treat")
4. Hookey (throw the hoops onto the target)
5. Ski Ball
6. Arts and Crafts stall; Will be doing a drawing competition and DIY origami. Also will be selling art pieces.
7. LEMON TREATS (lemonade and lemon flavoured lollies and treats)

BRING YOUR MONEY and we hope to see you all there!!!







#### OUR VISION

In a spirit of unity and harmony, we strive to develop the whole person; providing an excellent education for all and inspiring our community members to live a Christian way of life.

## OUR LADY'S PRIMARY SUNSHINE



Our Lady's School is a Catholic Primary School for boys and girls, serving the Parish of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, SunShine

**Enrolment applications for Foundation 2020 are now available**

**Please come into the School Office to obtain an information package. We look forward to meeting you**

### CONTACT US

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# Fete Day

Saturday 30 March 2019

Wristbands can be  
collected on Fete Day  
from the Marshalling  
Tent



**EARLY BIRD OFFER**  
**\$20 UNLIMITED RIDE**  
**WRISTBANDS**

**Mini golf**  
**Bungee Run**  
**Mini Obstacle Course**  
**Jumping castle**  
**Double slide castle**

**EARLY BIRD OFFER CLOSING NEXT**  
**WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH!!**

**Also available on the day for \$25 each**  
**or single ride pass for \$6**

**AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM OUR QKR APP NOW**

**Saturday 30th March 9am-3pm**

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# OUR LADY'S 100TH YEAR FETE

**SATURDAY 30TH MARCH**

**9AM UNTIL 3PM**

**FOOD, STALLS, INFLATABLES & AMUSEMENTS**

**32 Station Place, Sunshine**

**All Welcome**



# PINK BALL

SHOOT FOR THE STARS

**NEW SKILLS, NEW FRIENDS, LOTS OF FUN**



**INDOOR STADIUM  
AT VU COMMUNITY  
SPORTS STADIUM,  
WHITTEN OVAL.**

For session times and  
expressions of interest visit  
[westgatebasketball.com.au](http://westgatebasketball.com.au)

## WESTGATE PINK BALL PROGRAM FOR GIRLS


Team sports foster friendship and camaraderie, teamwork, respect, a sense of belonging, persistence, patience, resilience and self esteem.

Tailored specifically for girls aged 5-10 years old, Pink Ball offers a place to learn new skills, meet new friends and engage in a way that is non-competitive and fun.

Sessions are run by representative level youth basketball players (females) which provides a positive role model for your daughter to engage with.

Pink shoelaces, pink basketballs and awesome pink singlets - we're making this extra special for our female only participants.

**Register now and shoot for the stars!**



Game's A  
GOALS GOALS WE GO!

Maribyrnong  
CITY COUNCIL

Visit [www.westgatebasketball.com.au](http://www.westgatebasketball.com.au) for more information



## ★ AUSSIE HOOPS ★

### BASKETBALL FOR KIDS 5-10

Westgate Basketball Association, your local association, is running the Aussie Hoops programme for boys and girls 5-10 years old. Sessions are run at the indoor stadium at either VU Community Sports Stadium, Whitten Oval, or RecWest Footscray (Cnr Essex and Market Streets), with skill sessions, fun drills and friendly games.

The sessions are run by our qualified youth basketball coaches and give kids a terrific grounding in the fundamental skills for the game.

Come along, make new friends and see your kids take their first steps in basketball. It's safe, inclusive, indoors and played all over the world.

Sessions are run on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons, Saturday or Sunday mornings, and they'll be smiling for days!



**Register Now!**  
*and see you on court*

*For further details on times and dates, prices and registration, please visit our website:*

**[www.westgatebasketball.com.au](http://www.westgatebasketball.com.au)**





parenting \* ideas

# insights

## Not in front of the children!

by Michael Grose



EDUCATION/LEARNING



*The things parents say in front of their children have wide-ranging effects on their learning, confidence and behaviour.*

Ever said something about another person in front of your children, only to hear one of the kids repeat those words in public when the subject of your comments is around? Yes, children's blatant honesty can embarrass the hell out of their parents. We need to be mindful of what we say in front of our children.

But being embarrassed by our children is only half the communication story. As celebrated US psychologist Martin Seligman found in his ground-breaking research about optimism, children usually reflect the explanatory style of their primary parent by the age of eight. So, for instance, if a parent is a raging pessimist there's every chance that their kids will pick up and convey the same 'woe is me' way of viewing the world from an early age. As parents, this means we need to be really mindful of how we present the world to our kids.

### **Kids take their cues from parents as trusted adults**



But it's not just with optimism or pessimism that we need to be careful about our messaging. Kids take their cues from their parents as they work out how to behave and belong in all sorts of ways. Tell a child he has a learning difficulty and he'll believe it. Tell a child she has a behaviour problem and she will believe that. Tell them they are no good at maths and the message will more than likely stick. And why not? Children look at parents as wise, trusted adults who know a thing or two about the world. Even adolescents, who are renowned for wanting to challenge the authority and world view of their parents, still use their parents as significant reference points.

Parents who talk down other people – including teachers, friends and family members – in the vicinity of their children are teaching those kids to devalue those same people. Even when we vent about someone else out of sheer frustration we are shaping our children's views about those people.

## parenting\*ideas

For all these reasons, as parents we need to be so careful about the messages we give out.

### **‘I don’t have to do that work’**

Recently I heard how a thirteen-year-old girl refused point blank to work for a teacher as her mother had said that the teacher’s expectations were unreasonable. Miss 13 cited her mother’s views when she refused to get to work saying, “My mum says I’ve got a problem with learning. She says you need to take it easy on me but you don’t. I don’t have to do your work!”

This type of entrenched view is very difficult for a teacher to encounter without ridiculing the parents and the young person. However stories like this are more common than most people think. They reinforce the notion that parents need to be mindful of what they say in front of their children, whether that be about the child’s abilities, their teachers or anyone else.

Negative views can easily shut down kids’ learning. Some children are quicker than others to latch on to even a skerrick of their parents’ negativity as an excuse either not to work or to lower the expectations of others.

### **Sometimes it best to say nothing at all**

As adults we have all sorts of opinions that don’t necessarily need to be shared with our kids. We may hold strong political views for example, but if young people are to formulate their own opinions then it may wise to curb our opinions when they are around.

Similarly, it may be smart to keep mum if our views about religion, sexuality and ethnicity are intolerant or don’t follow the mainstream. That’s not to say we don’t discuss these issues at home. Children and parents in healthy families are able to discuss all manner of issues, with even extreme views tolerated and challenged rather than mindlessly expressed and held as if they are the only possible truth.



#### **Michael Grose**

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# God will help us bear fruit



3rd Sunday of Lent, Year C

Jesus told his followers the story of a fig tree that would not bear fruit. The gardener said he would try hard for one more year to help it grow. God wants us to try hard so that we too can grow, and 'bear fruit'. What are four things you can do during Lent that help you be a better Christian and bring you closer to Jesus?



## Gospel Lk 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."



Jesus told parables to help his followers understand his teachings more clearly. Can you draw pictures from three different parables?

