

## OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 29 January 2021

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 Parish Priest:
 Fr. Peter-Damien McKinley

 Principal:
 Ms. Patrizia Bertani

 Parish Mass Times:
 Saturday 6:00pm

 Sunday
 9:00am, 10:30am & 5:30pm

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 Our Lady's is a Child Safe School

Heal me, LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise. Jeremiah 17:14

## Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2021 school year! A very special welcome to all our new families. I am writing a very short newsletter this week to inform you about school times. Next week's newsletter will be filled with further information for you to read and will return to the usual format.

## Update on drop off (morning ) and pick up (afternoon) procedures for 2021

This year we will return to having one starting time and one finishing time. We ask that you continue to drop off (mornings) and pick up (afternoons) your child from the same gates that you had been using in 2020. This has had positive benefits such as reduced congestion, improved traffic flow and road safety.

We ask that parents continue to drop off and pick up their child/children at the designated gates and not enter the school grounds in the morning. We have found that this has greatly improved students' independence and have seen students grow in confidence as a result.

Parents will be able to enter the school grounds to pick up their child at the end of the day, once the gates have been opened. We ask that you do not enter into the classrooms, parents will be allowed into the school yard only. We ask that you maintain a 1.5 metre distance and wear a mask if that is not possible. Please do not gather in large numbers outside the classroom or anywhere in the school grounds. The school is following the new COVID-19 Guidelines issued by Catholic Education Commission of Victoria for Term 1. The School Office is open from 8.30am-4.30pm Monday to Friday to assist parents. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

## **DROP OFF AND PICK UP GATES ORGANISED BY SURNAME**

SURNAME BEGINNING WITH	GATE ENTRY / EXIT	
A-F	Victoria Street	Back double gate and Church Gate
G-L	Station Place	Office main gate and Gate between Gr 4 & Foundation
M-R	Victoria Street	Back double gate and Church Gate
S-Z	Station Place	Office main gate and Gate between Gr 4 & Foundation

Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani Principal principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

20	21 BELL TIMES
8.20am	School gates open
8.30am	Classrooms open
8.45am	Classes start
10.50am-11.30am	Snack time
1.30pm	Lunch eating time
1.40pm-2.20pm	Lunch time
3.15pm (3.00pm Wed)	Home time

Beginning of the School Year Prayer



The beginning of the school year can be an exciting time. We pray that God will always be with us. God, father of us all, we are beginning a new year together in our class. Help us to learn new things this year and to make new friends.

May we open our minds to learn more about you.

May we open our hearts to the needs of others. May we have a welcoming word for those who are

new or who need a friend.

Help us to learn new ways to serve you in love. Amen