



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 22 April 2021 www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

Parish Priest: Fr. Peter-Damien McKinley
Principal: Ms. Patrizia Bertani
Parish Mass Times:
English: Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 9:00am, 10:45am & 5:30pm
Vietnamese: Saturday 7.30pm, Sunday 12.30pm
Chin: Sunday 2.30pm
School Phone: 9312 2230
School website: www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

Our Lady's is a Child Safe School

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. Romans 12:4-5

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Every Friday Assembly is online at 2.30pm

Sun 25 Apr

ANZAC Day

Mon 26 Apr

Yr 5 Eucharist Prayer Day

Tues 27 Apr

Second Hand Uniform Sale

3.10pm

Wed 28 Apr

Yr 3 Reconciliation 7.00pm

Thur 29 Apr

Yr 4 Reconciliation 7.00pm

Mon 3 May

All students to be in full WINTER uniform from today

Sun 9 May

Mother's Day

Mon 10 May

Open Day for Foundation 2022

Tues 11-Thurs 13 May

NAPLAN for years 3 & 5

Sun 16 May

Yr 4G Eucharist 5.30pm

Tues 18 May

Whole School Athletics Day

Sun 23 May

Yr 4H Eucharist 5.30pm

Wed 23 June

Three Way Learning Conversations 3.30-6.00pm

Thurs 24 June

Whole school closure - Three Way Learning Conversations

Mon 26 & Tues 27 July

Whole School Closure - Staff Conference RE

Fri 12 Nov

Yr 6 Confirmation

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE 2021 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

(students do not attend school):

Thurs 24 June Three Way Learning Conversations (students and parents attend at their appointment time)

Mon & Tues 26-27 July RE Conference

Mon 1 Nov Report Writing

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Our Lady's School community and to Term 2. We started this term off with a great buzz of exciting learning opportunities for our students. As I walked into each classroom this week I saw students from across the school engaged and focused on their learning. I saw students engaged in the Writer's Notebook and working on their pieces of writing, reading and being read to by their teachers, students gathered around their prayer space and leading prayer, students engaged in counting and problem solving mathematically, Discovery Learning and iTime.

The focus is definitely on LEARNING and not only for the students but also for the staff. This week we had the privilege of working with Kath Murdoch an educator who is recognised as the leading expert in the Inquiry Learning approach. Staff also had the opportunity to work with Deb Sukarna who is one of Australia's most recognised Literacy experts. She is here to support the implementation of the Writer's Notebook strategy across the school, an innovation which aims to improve student writing and student engagement in writing.

I congratulate the Our Lady's students for making such a great start to the term both with your focused attitude to learning and for showing the school values both in the classroom and in the playground. Well done everyone!

Mrs Anna Kalc Smyth (Numeracy Leader) and I visited the Year 6 students at Camp Oasis on Thursday. As soon as we arrived we were greeted by happy and smiling faces. It was great to see the camaraderie amongst the students when tackling challenging activities such as the wall climbing and the flying fox. The owner of the camp came to let me know how delighted he was to have the students and that they were the best behaved school group he has had. I have included some photos in this week's newsletter but will have many more for next week.



ANZAC DAY

On Sunday we will pray for all soldiers, sailors, air pilots, doctors, nurses and ambulance drivers who have died in wars. In a special way, we pray for the souls of the brave men and women from Australia and New Zealand who died at Gallipoli many years ago. We pray for all men and women who travelled far from their country, so that the world could be a more peaceful world.

Please God, give their souls rest. Reward them for their bravery. Give them peace.

Lest We Forget



[Update on the school review](#)

A big thank you to all the parents who have indicated that they would like to be a part of the school review process. All schools are reviewed every 4 years for 2 main reasons. Firstly to ensure that they are meeting all standards and requirements as outlined by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority and secondly to see new goals and improvement targets for the next 4 years.

These are set for the following areas of schooling:

Education in Faith
Leadership and Management
Learning and Teaching
Student Wellbeing
School Community

In order to achieve the above each school goes through a very thorough process and is assigned a reviewer. The reviewer will gather evidence and part of this is holding conversations with staff, students and parents. She will be looking at all school policies and procedures to make sure that the school is compliant. She will make suggestions for improvement as well as affirm good practice. Parents play a vital role in this process and we thank those of you who will be representing the parent voice.

[Parent Reconciliation and Eucharist Information](#)

Thank you to all the parents of Year 3 and 4 students who attended this event as part of the preparation for the students to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and their First Eucharist. Father Elio Capra presented in his lively and engaging style the essential elements that embody the Sacraments and the parent feedback was positive. It was a cold night and so I am especially grateful to those who attended. Thank you to the Our Lady's staff who were present: Kriss Oliver (RE and learning and Teaching Leader), Caroline Woods (Yr 4), Beatrice Robles (Yr 4), Joshua Howarth (Yr 3), Karen Everson (Yr 3) and John Buttigieg (Digital and Design Leader).

I ask you to please keep both the Year 3 and 4 students who will be making the Sacrament of Reconciliation next week at Our Lady's Church in your prayers:

Year 3 students Wednesday the 28th of April at 7pm

Year 4 students Thursday the 29th of April at 7pm

[Each child will be able to have 4 members of their family attend in church. This will enable Father Peter to adhere to the COVID safe guidelines.](#)

[We seek interested parents to who would like to represent the parent voice to nominate for the following:](#)

Parent Advisory Board AGM – Wednesday the 12th of May
at 7pm

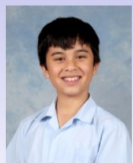
Parents and Friends AGM – Wednesday the 26th of May at
7pm

[Nominations returned to the Office by Friday the 30th of April.](#)

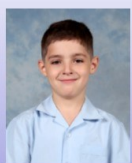
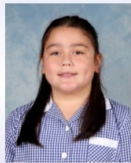
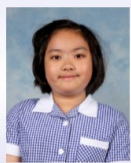




Reconciliation Candidates 2021
Please pray for us



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Hello from our very happy Year 6 Campers!



Mila M 1K
Xavier S 2M
Gabe M 4G
Jacob T 2M
Dylan T 1L
Catherine N 1K
Van C 1L
Catherine M 1L
Scarlett D 3F
Makuei M 1K
Alexander W 5D
Hniang K C 1K
Samara S FI
Matthew S 6A
Nhien N 5C
Avy K 6B
Miss Karen
Tling Za R 2M

Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani
Principal

principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

WINTER UNIFORM AT OUR LADY'S

All items (except shoes) available at the Uniform Shop or on the QKR App.

BOYS

Shirt or Skivvy (NOT pale blue polo)

Long navy trousers (NOT cargo)

School jumper

School socks

Black shoes/boots (NOT runners)

Navy spray jacket for OUTSIDE ONLY



GIRLS

Skivvy (NOT pale blue polo)

Long navy trousers (NOT cargo or Yoga style) OR

Tunic

School jumper

Navy tights (NOT leggings)

Black school shoes (NOT runners)

Navy spray jacket for OUTSIDE ONLY



SPORT

School crested yellow polo

School crested windcheater

Trackpants



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

TUESDAY APRIL 27

From 3.10pm in the School Hall



\$2 – girls summer dresses, sports uniforms, boys shirts and shorts

\$5 - girls winter tunics, school jumpers, school bags

Please note the stock that is available at each stall varies. There may only be limited stock for certain items or sizes

Please try to bring coins as a lot of change will not be available!!

Parent Advisory Board

The evidence is consistent, positive and convincing: families have a major influence on their children's achievement. When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more.
(Anne T. Henderson, *Beyond the Bake Sale*)

I encourage you to consider nominating for a position on the PAB if you are genuinely interested in using your skills to provide me with support and advice. I truly value the Parent Voice and am genuine in collaborating together to improve all aspects of the school. The PAB performs a critical role in the school community by bringing the parent voice to the meetings.

We are opening up the nominations for the Parent Advisory Board. If you are interested in representing the parent voice in matters of curriculum, school resources and infrastructure, please come and join us for the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 12 May at 7.00pm in the Mary MacKillop Library.

The Parent Advisory Board Vision

- To represent and to be representative of all parents and families, being inclusive and committed
- To share and live out the vision and the values of the school
- To be a rich source of wisdom and insight as well as working to strengthen community partnerships
- To consult and seek to achieve better outcomes for all members of the school community
- To be role models for others – maintaining a professional and confidential approach
- To make everyone feel included and welcome
- To be active listeners committed to working collaboratively
- To work proactively and positively for the school
- To represent the parent voice and the whole school community in a loyal and proper way
- To establish boundaries and protocols to operate by
- To at all times maintain confidentiality



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL PARENTS ADVISORY BOARD (PAB)

Membership

Open to all parents/carers – representing families

Principal (representing Parish Priest and School Community – children, families and staff)

School Leaders as required

Community members as invited e.g. Family-School Partnership convenor

Structure

Chairperson

Deputy Chairperson

Secretary

Currently the Parents and Friends Committee meets and reports regularly to the Principal who will pass on relevant information to the Parents Advisory Board

Vision for Parent Advisory Board

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Current protocols/agreements include:

Maintain a positive and proper tone for all our communication – in meetings and in representing the school. Speak for the needs of all children and not our personal concerns (individual matters are to be discussed with the school leaders and teachers).

Agenda is set by the Chairperson in consultation with the Principal. All parents attending are welcome to add items to the agenda. New agenda items are tabled and then placed on the agenda of the next meeting.

Meetings start at 7.00pm and end at 8.00pm.

The chairperson communicates matters to the school community via Parent Advisory Board Newsletter article. Please email to: jhill@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

The principal follows up matters with the staff and the whole community.

The secretary records and distributes the notes of the meeting to all attendees and apologies.

Proposed agenda items must be emailed to the Chairperson / Deputy Chairperson / Secretary 1 week before the scheduled Board Meeting.



Parents Advisory Board

Expression of Interest Form

Expressions of Interest are invited for the Our Lady's School
Parents Advisory Board 2021.

I, (your name) _____

Parent of (name and grade of your eldest child):

Contact number: _____

Contact email: _____

Am interested in becoming a member of the Our Lady's School
Parents Advisory Board in 2021

Signed: _____

Date: _____

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FORMS ARE TO BE HANDED INTO THE OFFICE

Parents & Friends Committee

At Our Lady's school we are committed to developing and sustaining reciprocal partnerships with our parent community in order to improve student engagement ,wellbeing, and learning. Joining the Parents and Friends Committee is a great way to contribute to strengthening your connection to this school. We are hoping that you will consider joining the Parents and Friends Committee. Over the years the Parents and Friends Committee and volunteers have raised money to purchase valuable resources for the school as well as providing additional rich experiences for the children of Our Lady's school to enjoy.

Our school values, encourages and appreciates parent involvement and children love to see their parents participating in the life of the school.

Parents and Friends Committee

Annual General Meeting 2021

Wednesday 26 May at 7.00pm in the Mary MacKillop Library

It is a great way of connecting with other parents and you will be made to feel very welcome. We look forward to adding new members to our already great team.

Attached you will find the role descriptions and a nomination form. Joining the Parents and Friends Committee is a wonderful way to meet other parents, support the school via many exciting fund raising activities and to enrich the children's school experience by organising special treat days or the Sacramental parties for the children who received their Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation.



ROLE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS COMMITTEE

President

The President's position carries a task of trust and responsibility and requires skill and time. The President should exercise authority with tact, be impartial and open to other points of view.

The main role of the President is to:

- * Be the main representative/spokesperson for the P&F
- * Liaise with the Committee members and set the agenda for meetings
- * Be the main contact for agenda items
- * Open the meetings punctually and ensure the agenda is followed
- * Ensure those present at the meeting have the opportunity to discuss each item on the agenda prior to a decision being made
- * Make sure, particularly on contentious matters, as many points of view as possible are expressed
- * Make sure everyone is given an opportunity to speak and encourage members to speak by addressing questions to them
- * Work towards a collaborative approach with other members of school community
- * Be mindful of timelines, keep discussions on track and keep meetings moving
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Vice-President

The Vice President plays an important role by assisting the President with P&F responsibilities and replacing the President and chair meetings in the absence of the President.

Secretary

The Secretary is very important to the efficient operation of the P&F. Duties and responsibilities include:

- * Taking minutes at P&F and Committee meetings
- * Photocopying and distributing minutes to Committee members along with agenda prior to the next meeting
- * In consultation with the Principal and President:
- * Providing a summary of the matters discussed at the meeting for display on the parents' notice board
- * Dealing with any incoming/outgoing correspondence

Treasurer

The Treasurer carries a task of trust and responsibility. Duties and responsibilities include:

- * Taking charge of monies of the P&F
- * Keeping accurate financial records of all receipts and expenditure
- * Banking all money regularly
- * Reporting regularly on the P&F's financial position at meetings
- * Preparing a financial report for the Annual General Meeting

Committee Members

Committee members have a responsibility to:

- * Attend PFA meetings as regularly as possible and send apologies if unable to attend
- * Help organise P&F activities and projects
- * Work towards the best possible outcomes being achieved
- * Be mindful that discussions should be on topics which are relevant to the whole school community
- * Facilitate and nurture positive home/school relationships within the parent community



Election of the Our Lady's School Parents and Friends Committee 2021

Nomination Form

P & F Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 26 May at 7.00pm

Nominations are invited for the Our Lady's School Parents & Friends Committee 2021.

Nomination

I, (your name) _____

Parent of (name and grade of your child) _____

Nominate: (name of person) _____

For the Position of: (one form per nomination)

☐

President

☐

Vice President

☐

Secretary

☐

Treasurer

Signed

Nominator: _____

Date: _____

Nomination Acceptance

I, (nominee) _____

Parent of (name and grade of your child) _____

Accept the nomination as indicated above.

Nominee's Signature: _____ Date: _____

ALL NOMINATION FORMS ARE TO BE HANDED INTO THE OFFICE



Connect Webinar Series 2021

proudly presents this free **online** webinar

Supporting parents of children with anxiety



Are you struggling to support your young child or teenager with anxiety?

CSPV provides this opportunity for you to learn from leading anxiety speaker and educator **Dr Jodi Richardson**. Jodi is the best-selling co-author of *Anxious Kids* and a regular media commentator on issues related to anxiety, wellbeing and parenting.

This free 90 minute Webinar will provide you with strategies to know how to respond, how you can help, when to seek professional help and much more.

Saturday 24th April, 10:30am-12pm

Click [here](#) to register now



MamaMia



Mindful Parenting

Penguin Random House

Interschool Sport Timetable for Term 2



Friday 7 May	Away	Ardeer South vs Our Lady's
Friday 14 May	Away	St Theresa's vs Our Lady's
Friday 21 May	Home	Our Lady's vs Sunshine Harvester
Friday 28 May	Home	Our Lady's vs Albion
Friday 4 June	Home	Our Lady's vs Sunshine Heights
Friday 11 June	Away	St Paul's vs Our Lady's
Friday 18 June	Home	Our Lady's vs Sunshine North

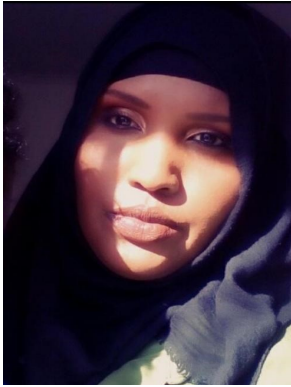
Our Lady's Home Games:

Netball & Newcombe is played at School

Football & T-Ball played at Parsons Reserve



Extend is the place for your children to thrive, learn and play, so what are you waiting for? Book and enrol at www.extend.com.au



Welcome back to Term 2. My name is Fahima and I am your Service Coordinator at Extend OLIC. I enjoy building positive relationships with the children and learning about their unique and quirky personalities. I joined the Extend team in 2021 and have loved the fun and enthusiastic environment. I love being outdoors (particularly in the ocean), music and travelling. I'm looking forward to future experiences at Extend and continuing to learn and build relationships with the children and their families.

Fahima Mohamoud

Service Coordinator

5 days per week

Bachelor Degree in Community Development

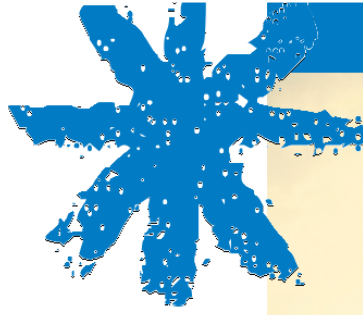
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Diploma in Community Services



Come along to After School Care and enjoy making new friends, enjoy a range of different activities and be nourished with yummy, healthy food! Enrol and book now via extend.com.au.

insights



Help your child achieve

by Michael Grose

One way to help your child achieve at school is to work together with your child's teacher. The parent-teacher partnership takes work from both sides to become a reality. Here are some ideas that will help.

There's no doubt that the best outcomes for kids happen when teachers and parents work together to support children's learning. Here are 10 ways you can work with your child's teacher to maximise your child's chances of school success.

1. Know what your child's teacher is trying to achieve

Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child's teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child's class.

2. Keep your expectations reasonable and positive

If your expectations are too high your teacher may give up. Too low and they will meet them! The trick is to keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Also be realistic about what your child's school can deliver. Sometimes our expectations of schools are not in line with their capabilities or their roles.

3. Support your teacher's expectations & activities at home

One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.

4. Send kids to school ready to learn and on time

Maximise your child's chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It's estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school a year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.

5. Inform teachers of your child's challenges and changes

Life's not always smooth sailing for kids. Family circumstances can alter. Friends move away. Illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child's teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.

6. Skill children to work with others

Schools are social places requiring children to work and play with each other much of the time. Teaching manners to kids, as well as encouraging them to share their time, space and things with others are practical ways to help kids with their social skills. Talk through any social challenges they may have, helping them develop their own strategies to get on with others.



7. Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties

Resist the temptation to solve all your children's problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

8. Participate fully in class & school activities

There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child's schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve his learning then take an interest in his learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child's teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

9. Trust your teacher's knowledge, professionalism and experience

Your child's teachers are your greatest allies. Their training, their experience around kids, and their objective professionalism puts them in a strong position to make judgement calls about your child.

10. Talk up what happens at school

Your child will take their cues from you about how they see their school. If you want your child to value learning, and enjoy their time at school then you need to support your school and make sure he or she hears positive messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. You can set a strong educational agenda at home by talking up your school.

This type of 10-point plan is easy to read but hard to put into practice, particularly when you get busy or your child has significant difficulties. Choose two or three ideas from this list to really focus on in the coming year and you'll find that the rest will fall into place. Good luck and nurture the partnerships you have with your child's teachers.



Michael Grose

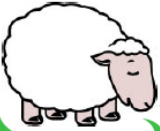
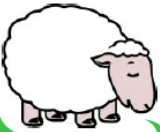
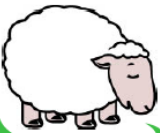
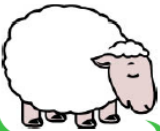
Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books for parents including Thriving! and the best-selling Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It, and his latest release Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children. A trailblazer in the parenting and educational scenes Michael regularly appears in the media throughout Australia in programs including The Project, The Today Show and ABC radio.

Jesus is the good shepherd

4th Sunday of Easter, Year B



As followers of Jesus we are never alone; Jesus is always there to help us and take care of us. What are some of the ways that the Good Shepherd takes care of his sheep?



Gospel

Jn 10:11-18

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock
and one shepherd.
The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

I am the _____.
I know my own _____ and they
_____ me, just as the _____
knows me and I know the Father.
I lay down my _____ for my sheep.

Use the following words to find out what Jesus said his disciples.

shepherd

Father

life

good

sheep

know

