



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 4 February 2022 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

'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you to fish for people.' At once they left their nets and followed him. Matthew 4:19-20

DATES FOR THE DIARY

2022

Mon 31 January

Getting to Know You Years 1-6
Foundation 8.45am-1.00pm

Tues 1 February

Getting to Know You Years 1-6
Foundation 8.45am-1.00pm

Wed 2 February

Classes start for Years 1-6
No School for Foundation on
Wednesdays in February

Wed 16 Feb P&F AGM Time TBC

Mon 21 Feb 2.30 Parents Helpers
Session

Wed 23 Feb 7.00pm Foundation
Parents Information Session

Fri 25 Feb 9.00am Parent Helpers
Session

Wed 2 Mar Ash Wednesday

Mon 7 Mar School Photos

Mon 14 Mar Labour Day Public
Holiday

Wed 6 Apr Last day of term 1 for
students

Thurs 7 April: First Aid Training
for Staff (Level 2, Anaphylaxis,
CPR, Asthma). **No school for the
children**

Friday 8 April: RE Professional
Development with Fr Richard
Leonard. **No school for the chil-
dren**

Tues 26 Apr First day of Term 2

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE 2022
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS
(students do not attend school):**

Thurs 7 April: First Aid Training
for Staff (Level 2, Anaphylaxis,
CPR, Asthma)

Friday 8 April: RE Professional
Development with Fr Richard
Leonard

Wednesday 1 June: Literacy Fo-
cus Professional Development
with Deb Sukarna

Thursday 23 June: Three Way
Learning Conversations (students
attend at their appointment
time)

Monday 31 October: Report
Writing

Dear Parents,

This new school year has gotten off to a great start. It has been wonderful to see the students walking through the school gate with such happy smiles. Thank you to all the students of Our Lady's school for settling in so quickly and being so engaged in their learning. It has been a pleasure for the staff and myself to be on yard duty as the students' behaviour on the playground has been outstanding. Students from all classes have been very polite and already demonstrating the Our Lady's school values of **courage, compassion, justice, respect, peace and service**, in the way they interact with the staff and each other. Well done to you all for making such a positive start to the school year.



A big welcome back to all our students, parents and families and staff! A special welcome to all the new Foundation students and their families. Congratulations to you all; you have made a wonderful start to school. I look forward to getting to know you all and seeing all the new learning that you do throughout the year.

In the photo on the left we see Harry and his mum. Harry just started his first day of school today in Foundation. We welcome Harry and his family to Our Lady's school.

**HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR!
and WELCOME TO THE YEAR
OF THE WATER TIGER**



Beginning of 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 classes. 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 need a friend. Help us to learn new ways to serve you in love. Amen



I am writing to reassure you that we have updated our COVID -19 Safety Plan according to the latest guidelines and are implementing all recommended safe practices. It is our duty of care to ensure that we keep each child and our community as safe as possible. A big thank you to all parents for their ongoing collaboration. It is very much appreciated.

We will continue to run a staggered timetable during the breaks so that we have less children playing in the play-ground at the same time. The children will play with students in their same year level and not mix with other year levels. The staggered breaks together with our rigorous hygiene practices, use of air purifiers in all classrooms, ventilation of classrooms, wearing of masks for all students in Years 3 to 6 and the twice weekly use of the Rapid Antigen Tests are adjustments that we have put into place with the parents' support to minimise the risk of spreading the virus. Thank you to all parents who are utilising the Rapid Antigen Tests twice weekly as recommended and by doing so contributing to the school's efforts to make sure we keep each other as COVID safe as possible.

We will also be continuing with the staggered release of students at the end of the day. I have attached information which informs you which school gate you will drop off and pick up your child. We have kept the same organisation (according to surnames) as we had last year. I have included a map to help you locate the correct gate. We have distributed the Rapid Antigen Tests to all families. All families should have the tests by now. Please ring the office if you have any queries about the Rapid Antigen Tests. Some parents have asked when is it best to test their child and we would recommend on a Monday and Thursday however if you see any signs of symptoms you should test your child prior to them coming to school regardless of what day it is.

Once you have administered the test to your child you must report any positive results to the school. You will also be required to report the positive result to the Department of Health system (Rapid antigen tests/Coronavirus Victoria) or via the coronavirus hotline at 1800675398.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's classroom teacher if you wish to discuss anything that you may be unsure about.

Drop off and Pick Up Gates



TERM 1 ⇄ Staggered start and finish times			
A-F Morning Drop Off (Victoria Street)		G-L Morning Drop Off (Station Place)	
8:20 → 8:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Back gate on Victoria Street (near Yr2 classes) Church gate (near canteen) 	8:20 → 8:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main entrance (near office) - Station place Station Place gate (near Foundation and Yr 4 classes)
A-F Afternoon Pick Up (Victoria Street)		G-L Afternoon Pick Up (Station Place)	
3:05 → 3:14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Back gate on Victoria Street (near Yr2 classes) Church gate (near canteen) 	3:05 → 3:14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main entrance (near office) - Station place Station Place gate (near Foundation and Yr 4 classes)
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M-R Afternoon Pick Up (Victoria Street)		S-Z Afternoon Pick Up (Station Place)	
3:15 → 3:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Back gate on Victoria Street (near Yr2 classes) Church gate (near canteen) 	3:15 → 3:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main entrance (near office) - Station place Station Place gate (near Foundation and Yr 4 classes)

To make pick ups easier, the eldest child must collect their brothers/sisters so they can leave together.

We have shown the Summer Uniform below for your reference.

Thank you to all parents who are sending their child/children to school in the correct uniform.

If your child is not wearing the correct school uniform you will need to email your child's teacher and let them know the reason why.

If your family is experiencing any financial difficulties and are finding it difficult to purchase the uniform, please contact me by telephone on 93122230 and ask to speak to the principal.

SUMMER UNIFORM AT OUR LADY'S

All items (except shoes and white socks) available at the Uniform Shop or on the QKR App

Shirt (NOT pale blue polo)

Navy shorts (NOT cargo)

School jumper

School socks

Black shoes/boots (**NOT runners**)

School hat/cap



Summer dress

White socks

Black school shoes (**NOT runners**)

School hat/cap



SPORT

School crested yellow polo

Shorts / Skort

School crested windcheater



OUR LADY'S STAFF ROLES 2022

Parish Priest:	Fr Peter-Damien McKinley
Principal:	Ms Patrizia Bertani
Deputy Principal / Wellbeing Leader:	Mrs Christine Carabott

Leadership Team

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Deputy Principal / Wellbeing Leader:	Mrs Christine Carabott
RE & Teaching and Learning Leader:	Ms Kriss Oliver
Literacy Leader:	Mrs Tania Cuni
Numeracy Leader:	Mrs Anna Kalc-Smyth
OHS/Child Safety Leader:	Mr Tim Wickham
Design & Digital Technologies Leader:	Mr John Buttigieg
Learning Diversity	Ms Kirsty Ross

Literacy Team

Mrs Tania Cuni (Literacy Leader)	
Mr John Buttigieg	Mrs Justine Sales

Classroom Teachers

Mr Tim Wickham	Ms Michelle Gurry
Mr Glenn Membrey	Ms Monica Muscat
Ms Karen Everson	Mr Joshua Howarth
Ms Christine Chu	Ms Beatrice Robles
Ms Cam Tu Nguyen	Ms Wendy Veldman
Ms Shai Stringa	Ms Steph Huynh
Mrs Kath Mitchell	Ms Lana Frost

Specialist Teachers

PE / Sustainability	Ms Jo McManus
Art	Ms Pina Mc Donald
LOTE (Italian)	Mr Matteo Maccio

Learning Diversity Team

Ms Kirsty Ross (Learning Diversity Leader)		
Mrs Toni Balbata	Mrs Lorraine Bugeja	Mrs Gina Callanan
Mrs Lynda Gardy	Mrs Frances Mafodda	

Admin Team

Mrs Mary-Anne Meilak	Mrs Jayne Hill	Mrs Catherine Elarmaly
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Canteen Managers

Mrs Geraldine Williams	Mrs Nubia Barrera
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Cleaning Team

Mr Salvatore Barrera	Mrs Nubia Barrera
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Maintenance & Gardens Team

Mr Dean Frahm	Mr John Payne
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CONCESSIONAL SCHOOL FEE POLICY – 2022

The following families are encouraged to apply for concessional school fees as outlined in the MACS Concessional School Fee Policy contained ***on our website under: About Us - Policies – Concessional Fee Policy.***

- Any family of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage
- Any family holding a HCC and eligible for CSEF
- Any family experiencing severe financial hardship
- Any family holding a DVA Gold Card
- Any family identified as refugees and holding an ImmiCard

Next week you will receive a copy of the application form. If you are eligible, you will need to fill in the form and bring to the office all the required documentation as listed below.

- A completed direct debit request service agreement of a copy of Centrepay deduction authority for payment
- A copy of the government concession card (if applicable).

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL FEES FOR 2022	
Annual Family Fee	\$1590 per family
Student Levy	\$ 500 per child
Capital Building Family Fee	\$ 100 per family
Swimming	\$ 100 per child (10 day program)
Total	\$2290 for one child families
	Add \$600 per extra child (\$500 Levy + \$100 Swimming)
	Add \$270 for Grade 6 Camp (if applicable)
	Add \$300 for Grade 5 Camp (if applicable)



Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani

Principal

principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au







F

Will - For making a huge effort to listen to and follow directions. That's what good learners do! *From Ms Wendy and Ms Cam Tu*

Rose D - For showing the Our Lady's Gospel Value of Courage. You are so brave, even when things are a bit tricky. We are so proud of you! *From Ms Wendy and Ms Cam Tu*

Mai P - For showing the Learning Asset of being a Collaborator. Thank you for helping us to keep the room tidy. Keep it up! *From Ms Wendy and Ms Cam Tu*

Lanchi - For showing the Learning Asset of being a Self-Manager and remaining focussed on your work. Well done! *From Ms Wendy and Ms Cam Tu*

1K

Mia N - for allowing us to start our year with all the happiness and joy you bring to our classroom. Keep Smiling! *From Miss Shai*

Jayden L - for showing the Our Lady's Gospel Value of Peace by showing kindness to others and always using your manners. *From Miss Shai*

1L

Isaiah M - For being a leading example in the classroom of what it means to be a 5 L listener! What a great way to start the year! *From Miss Steph*

Sadie K - For making wonderful connections when thinking about our seeds this week. Well done for using that brilliant imagination of yours! *From Miss Steph*

2M

Mila M- For beginning the school year in a fantastic way, and for always using her manners when speaking to others. Well done! *From Ms Frost*

Oliver S- For beginning the school year in a fantastic way, and for always wanting to help others when they need it. Well done! *From Ms Frost*

2N

All the students in 2N for a wonderful start to the year. You are following directions beautifully, showing that you are ready and eager to learn and treating everyone in our class with kindness. Keep it up! *From Mrs Mitchell*

3E

Jesse D- For beginning the school year in a positive way. It is great to see your smiling face and enthusiasm for learning. *From Miss Karen*

Xavier S- For sharing your knowledge and faith with the class in a respectful manner. *From Miss Karen*

3F

Harper W For a great start to the school year. A big welcome to you from all staff and students here at Our Lady's! *From Mr Josh*

Elke K For showing the Our Lady's Gospel Value of Compassion by looking out for others and being very welcoming and helpful to our new students. Well done Elke. *From Mr Josh*

4G

Chan Chan M - For settling in so well at a new school! Welcome to Our Lady's! Your friendly nature and your willingness to have a go is a real asset! Well done! *From Ms Christine*

Sophia P - For showing kindness and consideration to your fellow classmates. Thank you for helping those around you! *From Ms Christine*

4H

Annie Rose- For starting at Our Lady's in a positive and fantastic way. Your confidence is starting to grow as you are starting to share ideas during class discussions. *From Ms. Robles*

Henry N- For displaying the Our Lady's Gospel Value of Courage by sharing ideas during class discussions and giving everything a go. Keep it up! *From Ms. Robles*

5C

Sophie- For welcoming our new student into the class in such a friendly manner. Well done Sophie! *From Mr Membrey*

Kanieshka - For an excellent start to the school year, and for demonstrating Our Lady's welcoming community to our new student. Keep it up! *From Mr Membrey*

5D

Grace C- For consistently displaying an excellent, responsible attitude to all her learning and continually encouraging her peers. *From Mrs Muscat*

Raphaella T - For having a seamless beginning to the 2022 school year. A big welcome to you from all of the Our Lady's school community! *From Ms Muscat*

6A

Michael G For being prepared to speak up and share ideas and opinions in class. Thank you for the great start to the school year. *From Mr Wickham*

Karen H For being prepared to take on leadership by helping to organize the first aid bags for the yard duty teachers. A great and enthusiastic start to your year in Year Six. *From Mr Wickham*

6B

Miller M - For sharing your ideas and answers enthusiastically during our first week of lessons. You are already showing some qualities of an excellent leader. Well done! *From Ms. Gurry*

Olivia B - For making a great start to the year by showing focus and attention during lessons and frequently offering to help 6B run smoothly. Keep it up! *From Ms. Gurry*



Mrs Mafaddo	Brian N 1L	Hamish M 1L
Willow T Fi	Dean	Maria A Fi
Thelma N 1L	Hinnaya K Fi	Sam A 5C
Ms Catherine	Van P 1K	Saiyam S 4G
Oliver B 3E	Ben M 3E	Evie W 5C
Amelia M 6A	Ryan C Fi	Karen H 6A
Matthew M 3E	Ava H 5D	Vabietha C 1K
Louise N 2N	Sophia V 2N	Kim B 3E
Jeremiah L Fi	Miller M 6B	Elizabeth N 6B
Greg	Andreas A 2N	Koby B 2M
Skylar C 3F	Delilah T 4G	Kitty M Fi



SNAGS AND SNORKELS

FREE EVENT

INTRODUCTION TO SNORKELLING-COME AND TRY.

Where: Jawbone Marine Sanctuary, Williamstown 118-124 Crofton Drive,

When: Sunday 6th February, 2022

Time: 9.30-1.30pm

Cost: \$0.00 Free SNORKELLING INSTRUCTION (8yrs plus)

FREE SAUSAGES

Join us for a fun day out.

Some Teachers will attend but it is not a school event

Dive 2 U instructor will take 40 people snorkelling (gear provided, 1st in best dressed registration).

This family/ community event by the sea will be hosted by the Jawbone Marine Sanctuary Care Group.

Greg our Family Partnership Manager (0409823186) is a member of I.M.S.C. Group.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

BYO-Beach gear (snorkels/mask if you have them)

*CHILDREN ARE TO BE SUPERVISED BY PARENTS AT ALL TIMES

THIS IS NOT A SCHOOL EVENT BUT WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO TAKE YOUR CHILDREN

Please don't attend if you are feeling unwell/ Covid measures will be used

NOTE-We will update school Friday afternoon if weather requires cancelling the event

Our Lady of The Immaculate Conception Parish Primary School

SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:

Monday, 7 March 2022

ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.SCHOOLPIX.COM.AU

Early Bird orders with free delivery to your school close on
Wednesday, 9 March 2022.

A postage fee will apply for orders placed after this date.

Sibling orders must be placed prior to 8am on photo day.

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WELCOME BACK TO TERM 1, 2022!

We can't wait to welcome back your children to our services this year!

As you return to work, study, and other pursuits throughout Term 1, you can be assured your child will have fun and be enriched whilst in the safety and reliability of our care.

We will continue to provide COVIDsafe practices throughout Term 1 to ensure families and the school community remains safe at all times.

Bookings just got easier for families!

Now, in less than 30 seconds, families can make ALL your bookings for ALL your children on one screen at one time in LookedAfter!

Plan ahead for Term 1 and book now!
Book 14 days in advance to secure the early bird rate!



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INSIGHTS

Helping kids settle back into school



The start of the new school year brings a variety of challenges – from teacher and class changes, through to the transition from holiday mode back into the routine of school. This can make settling back into school difficult for some children and young people, especially after the extended summer break.

Naturally, as a parent you want to help your child settle back into school as seamlessly as possible, but it can often be hard to know where to start. So, we've asked the experts- primary and secondary school teachers – for their top tips.

Get kids involved in the organisation process

Being organised for school isn't a parent-only activity. Involve your kids as fully as practical in the process. By doing this, you will be encouraging them to take responsibility for and ownership of their schooling, not to mention reducing your workload.

Specific tasks include:

- preparing their uniform for each day
- packing their school bag
- helping organise their lunch
- ensuring they have the correct school resources for each day

Use positive language

It's critical to use positive language when discussing school because children who hear their parents discuss education in a negative way typically model that behaviour. This is especially important in the first few weeks back. Sharing your own positive school memories is an authentic and relatable way to do this.

Add a personal touch

If your child is struggling being away from you, consider giving them a bit of you to take with them can help the transition. Whether it's a personal item of yours that they carry with them, or even a positive note that you leave in their lunchbox, a personal touch is a helpful way for your child to stay connected with you throughout the school day. It's a great reminder that it will be okay.

Trust and communicate with your child's teacher

Trust your child's teachers as they have their best interest at heart and know children well! Couple this trust with regular communication, which is particularly helpful at the start of the year when back to school worries are identified and addressed. Continue this communication throughout the years, especially if any issues or concerns arise.

parenting*ideas

It may be beneficial to arrange a meeting between you, the previous teacher and the current teacher to enable a smooth transition, particularly if problems emerge. It's a team effort, so working together is key.

Talk about how they are feeling

It is important to discuss with your child how they are feeling about being back at school. So be prepared to listen and be guided by your child's responses.

Avoid shutting them down if they are feeling unsettled, nervous or scared and validate their emotions and work through them. This is especially important with the added complexity of the pandemic. Ensure you offer problem solving advice about what they can control, such as washing their hands regularly, or wearing a mask if this is a school requirement. Provide some time after school for your kids to talk with you about their day. This also provides an opportunity for them to decompress.

Maintain a consistent routine at home

Moving from holiday mode into a more structured school mode is one of the biggest struggles for many kids. One way to reduce the impact of this transition is the maintenance of consistent routines at home over the weekends, especially in the first term.

Some specific ways include:

- Regular reading
- Limiting screen time
- Keeping mealtimes and bedtimes consistent

Using a visual 'back to school' schedule board or weekly planner can also assist in reminding kids what is coming up each week.

Limit after school activities in Term 1

As kids readjust to being back at school, they will probably be tired. So, limiting after school activities such as sport and music, at least in the first term, helps them maintain a sense of balance.

Avoid overloading the weekends with activities so they can really use that time to relax and prepare for the week ahead.

In closing

It is normal for every child to settle back into school differently. Some kids will be excited, and some may feel unmotivated or even anxious.

As parents, there is a variety of ways you can support your child as they transition back into the school routine. A critical first step is to work with your child and their teachers as a team and to keep those lines of communication open. This will also be beneficial throughout the school year as well, especially if any issues arise.



Shona Hendley

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Follow Jesus and be not afraid

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Peter, James and John left everything so that they could become disciples of Jesus. What are some of the things you would "leave behind" to follow Jesus?

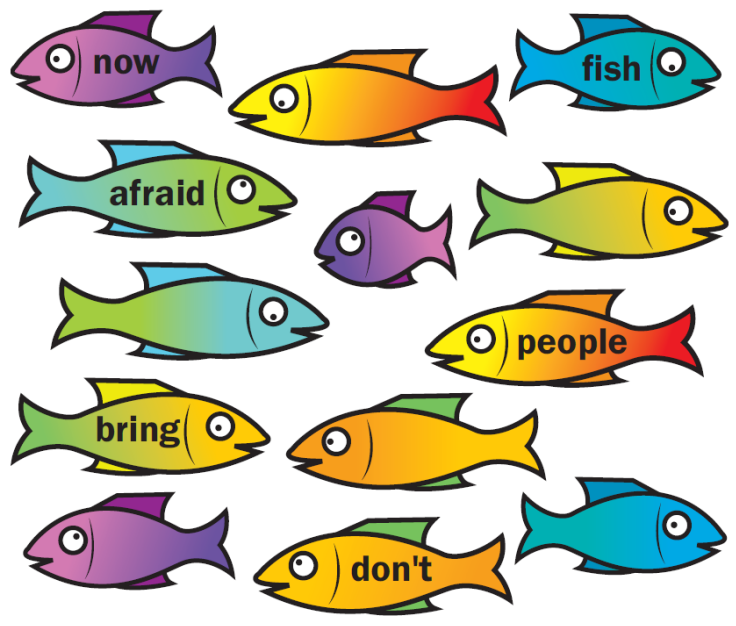
Gospel Lk 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Use the words in the fish to complete the sentence below....



_____ be _____! From _____ on you
will _____ in _____ instead of _____.