



# OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10 May 2018

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*Our Lady's is a Child Safe School*

*God has made us what we are, and in our union with Jesus Christ he has created us for a life of good deeds, which he has already prepared for us to do. Ephesians 2: 10*

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### **Thurs 10 May**

Mother's Day Stall

### **Fri 11 May**

2.30pm Mother's Day Assembly

### **Tues 15-Thurs 17 May**

NAPLAN for Grades 3 and 5

### **Fri 18 May**

Walk Safely to School Day

Parish Movie

2.30pm Pentecost Assembly

### **Mon 21 May**

Whole School Athletics Day at Keilor Athletics Track

### **Tues 5 June**

World Environment Day

### **Fri 8 June**

Parish Movie

Sacred Heart Mass 11.00am

### **Mon 11 June**

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday. No school for the children

### **Wed 27 June**

3 Way Learning Conversations

3.30-6.00pm

### **Thur 28 June**

3 Way Learning Conversations

8.00am-3.00pm **No school for the children**

### **Fri 29 June**

Last day of term 2 at 3.15pm

### **Mon 16 & Tues 17 July**

Staff Conference **No school for the children**

### **Wed 18 July**

Term 3 begins for children

## SACRAMENTS

Eucharist (Year 4)

Sun 27 May 10.30am (4H)

Sun 3 June 10.30am (4G)

Reconciliation (Year 3)

Thurs 6 Sept 7.00pm

Confirmation (Year 6)

Fri 16 November 7.00pm



Dear Parent,

I am looking forward to the very special Mother's Day Assembly that has been organised by the wonderful students of Year 1K and 1L. We invite all of you who are mums, grandmothers, aunts, godmothers and any woman who has loved and cared for a child that attends our school to please come and join us at 2:30pm this Friday in the School Hall. We would love the opportunity to honour and celebrate you all this Mother's Day at our Friday Assembly. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you the Parents and Friends volunteers who have organised the wonderful gifts for the Mother's Day stall. We appreciate the way you wrapped each gift so beautifully for the children. The children had a great time shopping for something special for their mums and the large variety of gifts from which to choose from.



## Staff Professional Learning

On Monday the staff attended a whole school Professional Learning day. The focus was on building positive relationships between students and staff in order to enhance student engagement to learning and student wellbeing. The staff were very engaged and enjoyed building on their current understanding of both the theory and practical classroom application of strategies to strengthen and nurture a positive classroom environment where all interactions are positive and build on the children's self esteem and capacity to learn.

## Upcoming Staff Conference

On Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th of July (first two days of Term 3) the staff will participate in a two day conference. The purpose of this conference is to re-design our whole school curriculum in line with the Victorian Curriculum and the Horizons of Hope Catholic Education Curriculum Framework. Over the last two years there has been a great deal of innovation in terms of both the content and approach to the type of curriculum that we deliver at Our Lady's school. The conference will enable the completion of our work in this area and allow staff the time to complete all the documentation associated with such large scale innovation.

## Camp Australia

I have been in contact with Camp Australia and have asked them to begin to advertise the following upcoming pupil free dates so that those parents who need to register their child in all day care will have ample time. They will need a minimum of 18 children in order to run this service.

Camp Australia will offer Whole Day Care beginning at 8.00am to 6.00pm including providing breakfast on the following pupil free days:

Thursday 28th of June - 3 Way Learning Conversations (Parent/Teacher Interviews)

Monday 16th of July - Whole staff conference

Tuesday 17th of July - Whole staff conference

## *Ascension Prayer*

*We celebrate the Ascension of the Lord forty days after Easter.*

*All of us will follow him into heaven.*

Father of us all, forty days after his resurrection Jesus ascended to your right hand. We know that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with us and guide us. Help us to have faith in the risen Christ and live in the Spirit always. Amen



# Year Four Eucharist Family Night

## Thank you to all those attended

Thank you to all the parents and Year 4 students who joined us on Tuesday night. The evening was facilitated by the very talented Maria Forde. Maria's music and singing, together with her deep faith and spirituality helped to provide both parents and students with a rich opportunity to deepen their understanding of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.



*Preparing to receive the  
Sacrament of the Eucharist*

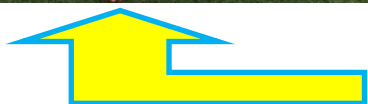




# Social Justice is alive and well at Our Lady's school

Our school values are being brought to life each day by our students. Here are some outstanding examples where children have initiated an action because they saw a need and were determined to do something about it. These children are living out the legacy of Australia's first saint, St Mary MacKillop of the Cross and the Sisters of St Joseph who were at our school for 73 years. Our school community is so proud of them!

*'In Faith and Love we are people of: Compassion, Service, Respect, Courage, Peace and Justice.'*



Teague A in 3E is on a mission to raise much needed money for his little cousin Noah who has cystic fibrosis. Teague found out about the 65 Roses campaign where participants choose to do something 65 times to raise much needed money.

He was inspired by the love he has for his little cousin and has decided to run around the oval 65 times and in doing so make a positive difference. Our school community is very proud of Teague's decision to help out.

In the picture you can see Teague is surrounded by friends at the oval where he is regularly running to achieve his goal of running 65 laps.

***Great effort Teague!***

Eva A, Chloe L and Alisha P from 5C used their iTime project to make a difference in the world. They wanted to raise money for children who had been orphaned in Vietnam. They had heard about how difficult the lives of these children must be and made up their minds that they wanted to help.

The girls approached me with the idea to have a slime stall to provide some fun for the children at Our Lady's while at the same time raising money for a cause they deeply believed in. They raised \$110 and fulfilled their goal!



Yours sincerely,

*Patrizia Bertani*

**Ms Patrizia Bertani**

**Principal**

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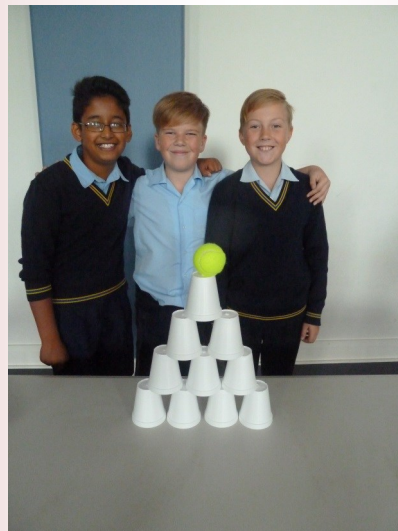
# Year 6 FUNdraiser



The Year Six students organised their fundraising day to support the Our Lady's Parish and Father Peter who are supporting a family in the Sudan to provide funds for shelter, schooling and clothing. The year Six students organised many fun activities and food stalls which children from across all year levels participated in. They had a great time organising this fundraising event in which they demonstrated the Our Lady's school values of JUSTICE and SERVICE.

Congratulations to the Year Six students who raised a whopping **\$532.75!**

What a wonderful achievement! A big thank you to all the children who so generously participated.





# Year 6 FUNdraiser











# More Fun at Grades 1 & 2 Camp Night







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# Mother's Day Stall







## Walk Safely to School Day Friday 18th May 2018

For the sixth year in a row, the children and families of Our Lady's are invited to participate in *Walk Safely to School Day*. This is an Australia wide event, where all primary school aged children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. This is a wonderful opportunity for our families to walk to school together and discuss safety issues when crossing a road. It is also an opportunity for extra exercise in the morning which may also help ease traffic congestion on the roads around our school. Plus, it's also great for the environment!

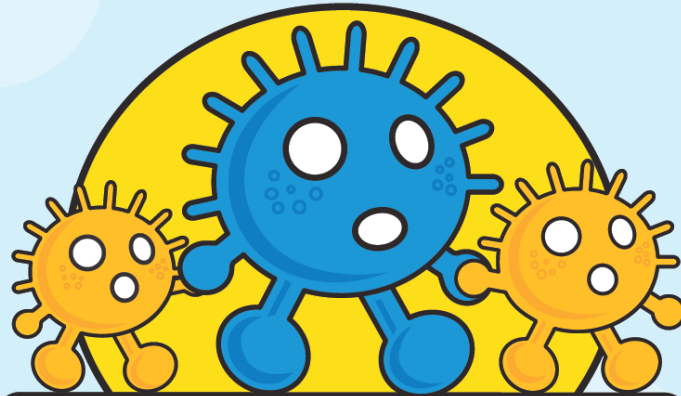
Some families live close by the school and are regular walkers anyway, which is fantastic, we will hopefully see you walking to school on this day. However, even if you live much further away, we encourage you to park the car *a few streets away* from the school and take the time on Walk Safely to School Day to walk those extra few blocks to school together.

Teachers will be at the entrance gates in the morning to give each student who walks to school a special sticker, which will enable the student to go into a special raffle for an exciting prize. Please join us and remember to walk safely to school on Friday 18th May 2018!

Regards  
Mrs Carabott



# ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS



**WALK SAFELY  
TO SCHOOL DAY**

**FRIDAY 18 MAY 2018**



**Until they're ten, children must always hold  
an adult's hand when crossing the road**

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# insights



## Celebrate the marvel of motherhood, not parenthood!

by Michael Grose

*As Mother's Day approaches it's worth remembering that its mothers and fathers, real women and men, who raise kids. Parenting is a managerial, twentieth century construct.*

It's an interesting time for me to write about motherhood. In the last eighteen months both my daughters have become first time mums.

Watching them has refreshed my perspective on motherhood. It's not the techniques and strategies they use that are important rather their desire to connect to their children and fully embrace being a mum that is paramount. All their subsequent parenting springs from the willingness to fully give themselves over to motherhood.

My close encounters with my daughters as mothers has reminded me how emotion-charged being a mum can be. Besotted-ness, fatigue, joy, fulfilment and doubt are just some of the feelings that I have witnessed in my daughters. No doubt any mothers reading this can easily add a few more.

Over the last few months I've conducted a series of parenting seminars on the topic of raising independent children. The main message of raising children to be self-sufficient rather than to overprotect and spoil them has been in some ways at odds with what is seen as good mothering. That's because the notion of protectiveness aligns more with mothering than fathering.

However you can be a protective mum and raise really self-sufficient independent kids – you just need to know when kids need protecting and when they need to work things out for themselves. Mothers attuned to their kids and who are confident in their own abilities and instincts generally get the balance right. In a way, they know when to be a mum and when to be a parent.

### **Mothering is emotional and instinctive**

Being a mother is not always rational, as parenting is often made out to be. The emotion attached to motherhood drives you to fight hard to protect your children, work assiduously to right any wrongs on their behalf, and exhaust yourself looking after their physical and psychological well-being.

As I've been reminded watching my daughters raise their own children mothering is relational rather than rational. You may grow out parenting by making yourself redundant but mothering is something you never grow out of. You are a mum for life.

### **Kids want their mothers, not their parents**

Kids of all ages say, “That’s my mum!” They don’t say, “That’s my parent!” (They may say that when they are annoyed or embarrassed by you, but that’s another story.)

Boys and girls of all ages generally love their mothers unconditionally, whereas they merely put up with their parents, particularly during adolescence. They can live without their parents, or so they think, but deep down they know they can’t live without the one person who has a blind spot for them, overlooking all their faults. That person, of course, is their mother.

When kids of all ages get into emotional difficulty or their life becomes too hard, they generally go looking for their mums. They only look for their ‘parent’ when they want some money, or want someone to get them out of a jam!

As Mother’s Day approaches it’s worth remembering that it’s mothers and fathers, real women and men, who raise kids. Parenting is a managerial, twentieth century construct. That’s why we have Mother’s Day (and Father’s Day) rather than Parent’s Day.

I hope you have a good one!



## 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 was taken into heaven



**The Ascension of the Lord, Year B**

Draw Jesus saying goodbye to his friends and promising to be with them always.



## Gospel

**Mk 16:15-20**

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.



What are some special things we can do for others because of our belief in Jesus?