



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

17 May 2018

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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

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

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,

Thank you to all parents who collaborated and responded to the school's alert in response to the wet and windy weather conditions that we experienced last Friday. Considering that we already have traffic congestion around the school under normal circumstances, we made the decision to avoid the added congestion that would have further compromised the safety of our students had they been dismissed at the normal time and all at once.

The children were able to be picked up throughout the afternoon in a calm and organised fashion which resulted in all children going home safely. It was a great team effort!

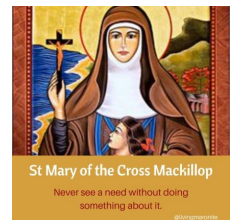
Parking Information

I would like to express my appreciation to all parents who are collaborating with the school during pick up and drop off times. At Our Lady's school our first priority is always the safety of each and every child. We have assigned extra staff to coordinate the traffic congestion that occurs around the school, particularly at the 'Pick Up' zone after school. With the help of our parent community this has resulted in much improved flow of traffic around that area. I am urging all parents to comply with the two minute parking rule as this is critical in order to keep the traffic flowing, reduce traffic congestion and create the safest environment possible for our students.



Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre

On Thursday the Year 4G and 4H students went on a Eucharist Reflection Prayer Day to the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre. The students had the opportunity to speak to the Sisters of St Joseph who guided them around the Heritage centre as they saw artefacts relating to Mary's life and heard stories about her life. The children also visited St Mary MacKillop's birthplace at 7 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy where they participated in a prayer service on the ground where Mary's home once stood. They had the opportunity to visit the chapel where Mary MacKillop would often pray. The children showed exceptional behaviour throughout the excursion and the Sisters of St Joseph praised the children for being very engaged learners. Year Four students were very reflective and prayerful throughout the day and really excited and inspired by St Mary MacKillop's life and words.



**Walk Safely to School Day
Friday 18 May 2018**

PENTECOST PRAYER



Fifty days after Easter we celebrate Pentecost. The Holy Spirit comes to us also. Father, we will soon celebrate the feast of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came to the apostles. We thank you that we too share this gift of your Spirit of love in our lives and our church. As we celebrate the birthday of the church may we learn to live as the people of God. Let us praise God's name and share the gifts we have been given with others. Open our hearts to the needs of other people. Help us learn about love without counting the cost. May we live the gospel of Jesus Christ in our lives each day through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

KEEPING OURSELVES WARM AND HEALTHY DURING WINTER

This week we have truly felt the cold upon us even though it is still not Winter. I'm asking parents to speak to their children about keeping healthy and warm in the colder months. There are many ways that we can work together to support our children to keep warm and to stay healthy.

Please make sure that the children are wearing their full winter uniform each day except for days when they have sport. With the cold it is important that they have a waterproof jacket to keep out the rain and the cold. The school uniform shop sells warm fleeced lined dark blue jackets which compliment the winter uniform, if your child doesn't already have a warm jacket to wear to school.



Please speak to your child about simple but important hygiene to keep germs away. Making sure they wash their hands each time they go to the toilet. That they remember to cover their mouth when they sneeze. It is important that they know how to use a tissue or a handkerchief to wipe their nose in such a way that minimises the spreading of germs.

Talking to children about their food choices and encouraging healthy food choices is also an important way to keep healthy.

PENTECOST SUNDAY – MAY 19

Celebrating Pentecost Sunday reminds us of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This is an extract from the Pope Francis's homily on Pentecost Sunday 2015 in St. Peter's Basilica Rome.

'The world needs the courage, hope, faith and perseverance of Christ's followers. The world needs the fruits of the Holy Spirit: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Gal 5:22). The gift of the Holy Spirit has been bestowed upon the Church and upon each one of us, so that we may live lives of genuine faith and active charity, that we may sow the seeds of reconciliation and peace. Strengthened by the Spirit and his many gifts, may we be able uncompromisingly to battle against sin and corruption, devoting ourselves with patient perseverance to the works of justice and peace.'

May all people in our school community and parish be inspired by the Holy Spirit to be people of peace and justice in this world.

Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

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Principal

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Whole School Athletics Day - Monday 15May

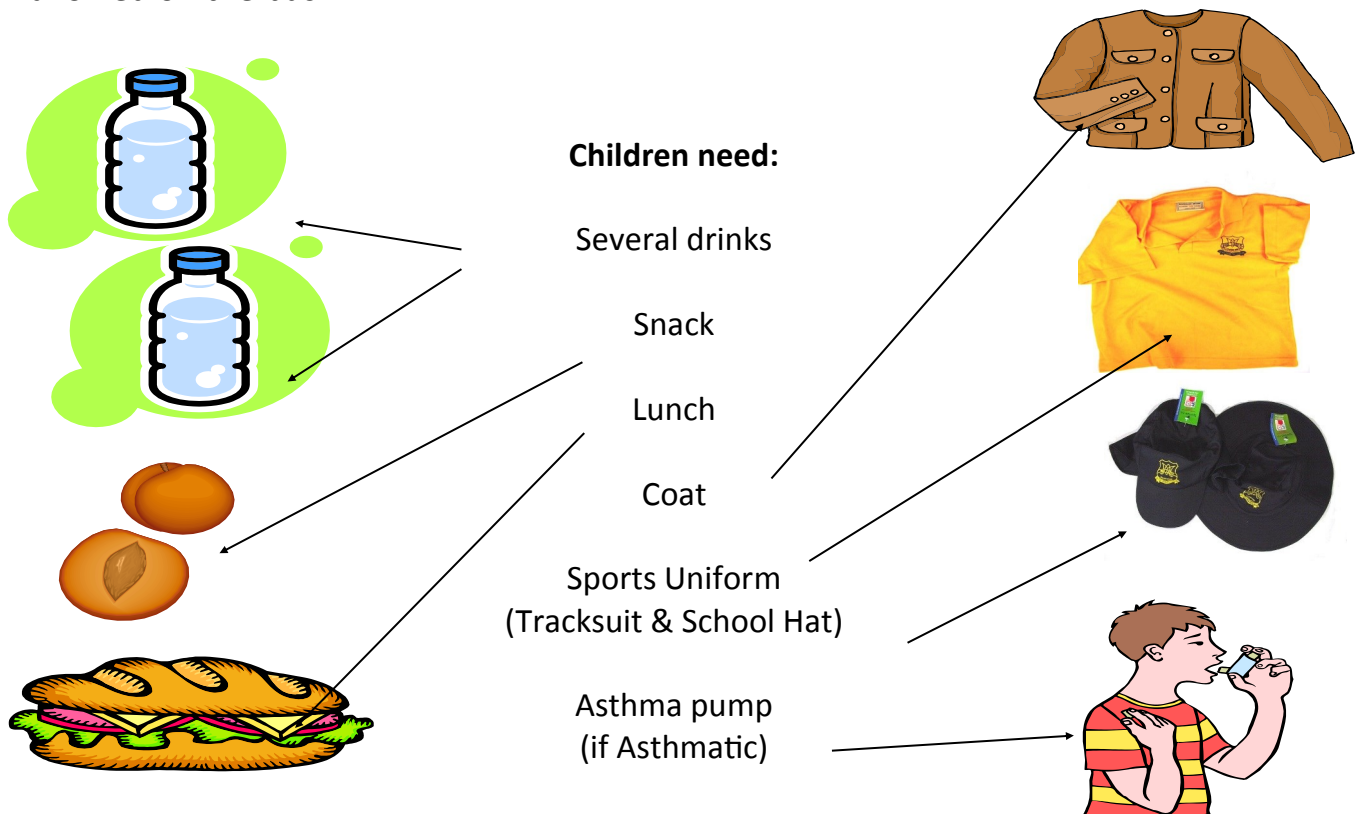
Keilor Athletics Track, Stadium Drive Keilor 9.30am - 2.00pm

ALL WELCOME!!!



REMINDERS

- * ALL children need to be wearing their sport uniform.
- * T-shirts or ribbons in their house colours are allowed (red, blue, green or yellow)
- * No child will be permitted to go home from the Athletics track
- * No lunch orders or canteen available. Children need to bring all food and drink in a bag. No glass or cans are permitted
- * Parents and Helpers need to make their own way to the Athletics Track. They will not be allowed on the bus.





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



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The new childcare subsidy, and what it means for you

On the 2nd of July, the Australian Government will transition to a new Child Care Subsidy (CCS). This will replace the existing Childcare Rebate (CCR) and Childcare Benefit (CCB).

There are a number of key changes that families who rely on childcare before and/or after school need to know, including:

- Any benefit will be paid directly to child care providers (like Camp Australia), who will then only bill the 'gap' amount to families.
- There will continue to be hardship relief.
- For families earning less than \$188,958, there will no longer be an annual cap on the amount of subsidy you can receive. For families earning between \$188,958 and \$351,248, an increased annual subsidy cap of \$10,000 per child will apply each year.

If you'd like to know what percentage of your Childcare costs you can claim back through the Childcare Subsidy, check out the simple Family Childcare Subsidy Estimator at <https://www.education.gov.au/sites/education/files/chcare/est/index.html>

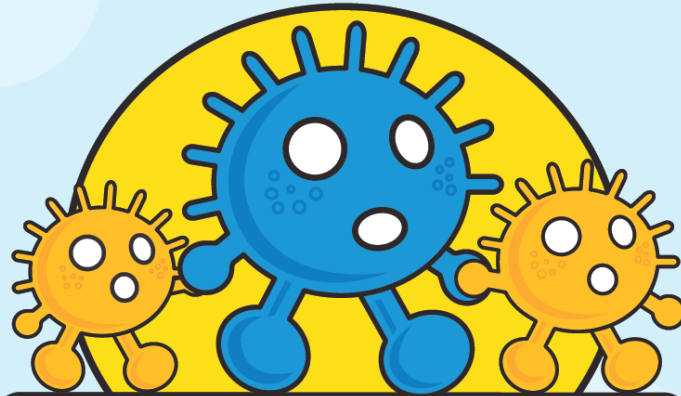
We look forward to seeing you and your family soon.

From the Team at Camp Australia

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**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



It's not ok to be away nor to be late to school

by Michael Grose

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time.

It sounds simple, but it's true. The correlation between school attendance and children's achievement levels is well established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

Conversely, according to a report from the Victorian Auditor General, students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long-term unemployment.

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem. Also, many teachers tell me, it's often the kids who can least afford to take time off school who are most likely to be serial absentees.

Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools—and much of it is parent-condoned.

It's hard to get an accurate picture across the country but it would appear that Australian students miss an average of between 12 and 15 days per school year, with parent-condoned absenteeism highest among young primary-aged children.

That adds up to a year's lost schooling over the school-life of a child. In today's highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

That's not a reason to be away!

It's now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling's birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a sports day or special school event.

This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don't really value learning or their children's school experiences.

Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.

Being late is not okay either

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

It takes strong parenting

As a parent myself I know how persuasive children of all ages can be when it comes to taking a day off school. It takes a strong will to resist the persistent pressure that kids can bring to bear, particularly if they play the guilt card with comments such as "It's not fair that I have to go school today because Aunty is coming to visit!" Nice try. But the answer should be "No!".

As parents we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day.

Of course, there will be times, such as illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances, when kids should be away. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm.

It's reassuring to know that you increase their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And of course regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with NO EXCUSE.

As a parent:

- Commit to sending kids to school every day.
- Make sure kids arrive at school and class on time.
- Inform the school when they are away, sending medical certificates and other evidence of genuine absence.
- Consider catching-up on missed work.
- Make kids who are away stay in their bedroom – that is where ill kids should be.



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.

We are filled with the Holy Spirit

Pentecost Sunday, Year A, B and C



Gospel

Jn 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Each person was able to hear the message of the Gospel in their own language. See if you can decipher the language below to read the special message.

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The Spirit Brings
LOVE

I can show love by _____
_____ because I am filled with the Holy Spirit.



The Spirit Brings
PEACE

I can be a peacemaker by _____
_____ because I am filled with the Holy Spirit.



The Spirit Brings
JOY

I can show joy by _____
_____ because I am filled with the Holy Spirit.