



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

18 October 2018

www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

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

'I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible' The Nicene Creed

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thurs 18 Oct

Confirmation Parent Night
with Dr Rev Elio Capra 7.00pm

Fri 19 Oct

Crazy Hair and Casual Day -
gold coin donation for Mis-
sions Fundraising
Gr 6 Transition Blue Earth In-
cursion

Gr 1 Melbourne Zoo

Fri 26 Oct

Day for Daniel promoting child
safety. Children to wear some-
thing red to school.

Thurs 25 Oct

Foundation CERES

Wed 31 Oct

Parents Advisory Board
meeting

Thurs 1 Nov

All Saints

Fri 2 Nov

All Souls

2.30pm All Saints and Souls
Assembly

Mon 5 Nov

**Report Writing Day - No
School for the children**

Tues 6 Nov

**Melb Cup Public Holiday. No
School for the children**

Fri 9 Nov

Parish Movie
Confirmation Reflection Day
Gr 2 Scienceworks

Wed 14 Nov

Gr 3 Werribee Zoo

Mon 19 Nov-Fri 30 Nov

Swimming Program

Sat 24 Nov

Shopping Tour

SACRAMENTS

Confirmation (Year 6)

Fri 16 November
7.00pm



Dear Parent,

The term has gotten off to a great start and we have much evidence of children across all class levels immersed in their learning. Students have come back to school with a very positive mindset towards learning. This term's Faith/Life Inquiry learning has a strong focus on Science; specifically either Biological or Earth and Space Sciences. Each term we also focus on the Principles of Catholic Social Justice and this term the focus is on Stewardship of Creation which connects perfectly with our Science focus. I would like to share with you this thought about the environment which the focus of our learning for this term.

The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole." Pope Benedict XVI, Charity in Truth (Caritas in Veritate), 2009, #48

GREAT NEWS! THE KILN HAS ARRIVED!

A HUGE THANK YOU to all past and present members of the Parents and Friends Committee who fundraised over many years to achieve this dream. We finally have our very own kiln and Miss Pina our Visual Art teacher extraordinaire cannot wait to begin to fire many of the clay sculptures created by our talented students. A huge thank you to Steve our very talented maintenance man who carried out all the necessary installation. The kiln is a wonderful resource which will support the Art Program of Our Lady's School for many years to come. Once again a heart felt thanks!



Psalm of Blessing

We bless the name of the Lord. We give honour to our God.

Bless the Lord, my soul; all my being, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, my soul; do not forget all the gifts of God. The Lord's throne is established in heaven; God's royal power rules over all. Bless the Lord, all you angels, mighty in strength and attentive, obedient to every command. Bless the Lord, all you hosts, ministers who do God's will. Bless the Lord, all creatures, everywhere in God's domain. Bless the Lord, my soul!

Psalm 103:1-2, 19-22



Canteen Update

Last term I had written to you about the urgent need for more canteen volunteers. Unfortunately there has still been no response from the parent community. Once again we are asking you to please consider giving up some time so that we can keep our not for profit canteen running. We would be very grateful to anyone who could spare even one day a month working for just one hour between 1.00pm and 2.00pm to help Nubia and Geraldine with the very busy lunchtime demands.



**PLEASE HELP US TO
KEEP OUR CANTEEN
RUNNING**

An Important Reminder

The canteen exists to provide a service to parents and as I have said before it is not run for profit. When children come to school without lunch the canteen is notified and lunch is provided. The parent is then sent a slip indicating the amount of money owed. It has been raised to my attention that there are many outstanding monies owed (more than 20) to the canteen. If you have an outstanding amount to pay to the canteen I ask you to do this promptly. Good relationships require participation by all involved to do the right thing and I trust that you will attend to this matter ASAP. Please ring or email me if you wish to discuss this matter further.

School Fees

Thank you to those parents who have paid school fees recently. It is important that all fees and levies are paid promptly. If you have not already done so, please contact the office to make an appointment to see me if you are having difficulty paying your fees and levies.

Supporting Your Child's Learning

A reminder to all families that it is important that your child goes to bed at a reasonable hour and arrives at school between 8:20am and 8:45am. A teacher is on yard duty from 8:20am and it is important that children are not dropped off prior to 8:20am as there is no one on duty to supervise them. School classes commence at 8:45am and all classrooms start their day on time with the morning routine of calling the roll, saying prayer and checking for lunch orders. From time to time, we all may be running late. However, it is very important that you assist your child by making sure they arrive at school on time so that they make a smooth start to their day. We appreciate your support in this important area of school life.



Crazy Hair & Casual Day tomorrow

To raise money for Catholic Missions, all students can wear casual clothes and **CRAZY HAIR TOMORROW** for a gold coin donation

Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani

Principal

principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au



OCTOBER

Mon 15-Fri 26th Missions Week Stalls
Thurs 18th 7.00pm Confirmation Parents Night
Fri 19th Crazy Hair Day (gold coin donation)
Mon 22nd-Fri 26th Missions Week Stalls

NOVEMBER

Mon 5th School Closure - Report Writing
Tues 6th Melb Cup Public Holiday
Fri 16th 7.00pm Confirmation
Mon 19-Fri 30 10 day Swimming Program

DECEMBER

Fri 7th Feast of Immaculate Conception Assembly, Reports come home
Thurs 13th Grade 6 Graduation Mass
Mon 17th Dinner in the Yard and Art Show
Wed 19th 9.00am End of Year Mass. 3.00pm Students finish for 2018

JANUARY 2019

Wed 30 School begins for Years 1-6 for 2019
Thurs 31 Foundation students begin

A DAY FOR DANIEL—FRIDAY OCTOBER 26

Dear Parent,

Just a reminder that next Friday 26th October, Our Lady's will be participating in the registered event 'A Day for Daniel' for the second time.

It has been organised by the Daniel Morecombe Foundation to help promote and educate children about safety.

On this day, students are encouraged to wear something **RED**, which could be a red tee-shirt or red socks.

Wellbeing: Child Safety

As a whole school approach, and as part of the wellbeing and child safety curriculum, the students will be immersed in exploring different emotions. This also involves consolidating the concept of respecting each other's personal space and emotions. Students in Years F-3 will be viewing a video exploring a student's reaction to a homework situation at home with a sibling. Follow-up from the video will involve students exploring other ways that the situation can be dealt with in relation to taking one's emotions and feelings into account.



Keeping kids safe!

PREPARATIONS FOR 2019

As we are beginning our preparations for 2019, we ask that parents let us know as soon as possible if their children are not returning to Our Lady's next year. We have had many inquiries about places for 2019 and we need to let these parents know if there are places for their children. We currently have a waiting list for Prep and several of the other year levels are full, with enrolment enquiries coming in. **If your child is not returning in 2019 (apart from our current year 6 children) please complete the form below and return it to the office. It is vital that you return this form as soon as possible. Thank you.**

Children NOT returning to Our Lady's School in 2019

Family Name: _____

Child/children's names

1. _____	Grade: _____
2. _____	Grade: _____
3. _____	Grade: _____
4. _____	Grade: _____

Suburb we are moving to: _____

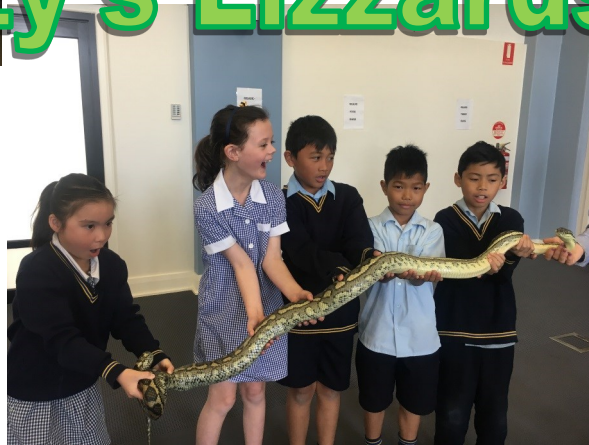
Name of our new school: _____

Signed: _____ **(Parent)**

Please return this form to the office as soon as possible



Grade 3 and Lizzy's Lizzards!



Our Lady's Annual Shopping Tour – Saturday 24 November 2018



Come join us for a day of good food, great company and fantastic shopping!!! For \$78 (price will drop if we get strong numbers), you will be provided with freshly baked morning and afternoon sweets together with tea and coffee, a 2-course lunch with a glass of wine, coach transfers and entry to all outlets.

Various Outlets will be visited. Great day out in preparation for Christmas shopping or just enjoy the time with friends whilst helping raise funds for the school as a percentage of sales will be paid to the school.

To secure your place, a \$40 deposit per person is required by **19 October 2018** with the balance of \$38 payable by 10 November 2018. Payments to be made at the Office with names and phone numbers listed on an envelope or alternatively please call Gina on 0414 535 729 to make alternative payment arrangements or if further information is required.

Actual times will be confirmed closer to the date, but we can expect to be picked up at the school around 7.30am and back at school again around 5:30pm. Family and friends are welcome, although unfortunately we are unable to take children under 12 on the bus.



Many thanks,
Gina



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SUMMER SOCCER PROGRAM

Incl. 2019 Trials!

Miniroos & Juniors

STARTS

OCTOBER 10 (8 WEEKS)

6:30PM-8PM

LOCATION:

**KEILOR PARK SYNTHETIC SPORTS FIELD
STADIUM DRIVE, KEILOR PARK**

**BOYS & GIRLS
AGES 6-16**

**ELITE & GENERAL PLAYER
DEVELOPMENT BY SENIOR
NSEFC COACHING STAFF**

CONTACT: 0407538189

REGISTER: NSEFC.COM.AU/JNR-REG

insights



Tolerance: a vital ingredient for your child's success

by Michael Grose

Kids who accept differences in others are setting themselves up for success in the world of diversity that they will enter.

Want your child to be successful way past the confines of the school gate?

Then you need to make sure your child is tolerant of individual differences and accepting of children and adults who look and act differently to them.

There's no doubt that success in today's world depends on the ability to understand, appreciate and work with others. The child who is open to differences is likely to have more opportunities in school, in business and in life in general.

Schools are diverse places

Walk into any school ground in Australia and you'll witness diversity firsthand. You're likely to see children from many different cultural, racial and family backgrounds. You'll also see kids with different needs and diverse ways of expressing themselves. Some kids will wear their hearts on their sleeves, while others will be taciturn and quiet. Tolerant kids are accepting of these differences. They make friends with children and young people who may look and act differently to them.

Intolerance breeds bullying

Intolerance, or prejudice, is at the heart of a great deal of the bullying that occurs among children and young people. Kids who look and act differently or who are more isolated often experience bullying for no apparent reason other than the fact that they are 'different'. Whole-hearted acceptance and even appreciation of differences is a preventative bullying measure that we can all support.

Tolerance starts at home

Kids learn attitudes such as tolerance from those around them. Children in primary school usually reflect the attitudes of their parents. While adolescents are strongly influenced by their peers, parental attitudes still have a significant impact on their attitudes to other people. In short, if you want your child to be accepting of differences – whether they are racial, cultural, behavioural or in sexual orientation – then make tolerance a family trait.

Here's how:

- **Help your child feel accepted, respected, and valued.** When your child feels good about himself, he is more able to treat others respectfully.
- **Model acceptance.** Kids learn what they live so make sure you welcome differences in others, and be sensitive to cultural or racial stereotypes. It also helps on a practical level to discuss prejudice and stereotypes when they occur in the media.
- **Challenge prejudice or narrow-minded views.** Sometimes kids, knowingly or unknowingly, can say the cruelest things about others. As a parent respectfully remind your child or young person about the impact that a narrow view can have on his or her own behaviour as well as on those it may be directed towards. Intolerance of diversity is an attitude that parents should make a stand against.
- **Answer kids' questions about differences honestly and respectfully.** Teach your kids that it is acceptable to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done with respect.
- **Respect individual differences within your own family.** Your ability to accept your children's differing abilities, interests and styles will go a long way towards establishing an attitude of tolerance in the children themselves. By valuing the uniqueness of each member of your family you are teaching your kids to value the strengths in others, no matter how diverse.



Modern Australia is such a wonderful culturally-rich place. This diversity is part of its magic. One way to make sure our children fully appreciate this richness is to fully embrace tolerance in everything we do.



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.

To be good people we must serve others

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



Gospel Mk 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'



Serving Others

Jesus tells us that we need to serve others in order to be good people. What are some ways you can be of service to others?

I can serve my family by ...

I can serve my school by ...

I can serve my community by ...



Ruler or Servant ?

Which of the following things best describe a ruler or a servant?
Draw a line from each description to what you think is the correct side.



RULER

ORDERS OTHERS TO DO
THEIR WORK

WORKS FOR OTHERS

WANTS TO BE GREAT

SHOWS HUMILITY

HAS POWER OVER OTHERS

MAKES SACRIFICES

TREATS THEIR LEADERS
WITH RESPECT

Draw a picture of
a king or queen



SERVANT

Draw a picture of
a servant

