



## OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

26 April 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

#### **Fri 27 April**

AOM Assembly

#### **Tues 1 May**

Sibling Foundation 2019 Inter-views

#### **Fri 4 May**

Interschool Sport begins

#### **Mon 7 May**

**Professional Learning Day for Staff** (Student Wellbeing Berry Street) - No school for the children

#### **Tues 8 May**

7.00pm Maria Forde Eucharist Family Night

#### **Wed 9 May**

**Open Day for new Foundation students.** Tours leaving the office at 9.30am, 12.00pm and 2.15pm

Year 1&2 Camp Night

#### **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

2.30pm Pentecost Assembly

#### **Mon 21 May**

Whole School Athletics Day at Keilor Athletics Track

### SACRAMENTS

*Eucharist (Year 4)*

Sun 27 May 10.30am (4H)

Sun 3 June 10.30am (4G)

*Reconciliation (Year 3)*

Thur 6 Sept 7.00pm

Confirmation (Year 6)

Fri 16 November 7.00pm



Dear Parent,

This week we commemorated ANZAC day with a whole school assembly on Tuesday. The assembly was organised by students in 3E and 3F and their teachers Miss Murphy and Miss Rodriguez. Thank you to the many parents who came to join us for the ANZAC day assembly.

We thank the Year 3 students for the beautiful prayers, songs and actions which provided our school community with an opportunity to reflect on and give thanks to the many service men and women who went to war, those who gave up their lives or were injured; in order that we may enjoy the peace we do to-day.

Please keep those children and families in the world right now who are suffering from the horrors of war in your prayers and pray that peace will be restored to them.

### **Whole School Disco**

This week we all had a wonderful time at the Our Lady's School Disco. We saw some very good dancing styles from both the children and some of the teachers. The children loved the music, glow sticks and also the many colourful lights that contributed to transforming our school hall into a disco.

Thank you especially to the Parents and Friends who set up tea, coffee and biscuits for parents in the Mariana Hall and organised for all children to have a drink and a treat on the night. We appreciate the fact that you are always working beside us helping to make what we do even better.

Thank you to all the staff who contributed to making sure that the event went smoothly and that all children had a great time and were safe at all times. A big thank you to the parents who came along and we hope took the opportunity to chat and catch up with other parents. The staff are very grateful for your support, understanding and cooperation during these big school events. Well done everyone!



### **ANZAC Day**

Today I pray for all the soldiers, sailors, air pilots, doctors, nurses and ambulance drivers who have died in wars.



I pray for the souls of the brave men and women from Australia and New Zealand, who died at Gallipoli many years ago. I 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 their bravery. Give them peace.

**At Our Lady of the Immaculate Parish Primary School we promote the safety, well being and inclusion of all children.**

### Artist Visit for Grade 5

On Monday of this week Year 5C and 5D went to visit a local artist, Cameron McIndoe at his foundry here in Sunshine. Cameron is a sculptor and owner of the foundry called Fundere Fine Arts Studio and Warehouse in Sunshine. A foundry is a factory that produces metal castings. Metals are cast into shapes by melting them into a liquid, pouring them into a mould and then removing the mould material.



Cameron works with a number of sculptors who create bronze statues. He is currently working on a huge bronze marlin which is going to be shipped to America in May. He cast the 'Man Lifting Cow' sculpture which was created by John Kelly. This has been installed in front of the Brimbank Council offices since 2016.

The Year 5 students met Cameron and had a chance to ask questions and find out about how bronze sculptors are created. It was a very unique and exciting experience. Cameron will also be coming to visit our school and give workshops and guidance to the Year 5 children and Miss Pina our art teacher, who will work towards creating a bronze artwork for the school

### Important Reminders

If you are a current family with a child to begin Foundation in 2019 please make sure that you have picked up an enrolment pack from the front Office, filled in the enrolment form, handed it back to the office and made an appointment for an enrolment interview.

I have already begun the process of interviewing families who already have children at Our Lady's and wish to enrol a younger child for Foundation 2019. If you have not put in an enrolment form please do so as soon as possible to ensure your child has a place in 2019.

### Headlice

Please remember to check your child/children's hair for hair lice as there have been a few cases reported at the school. Whilst your child may not be affected head lice can be extremely contagious. If you notice any signs you will need to treat your child's hair immediately. It is also a good idea to treat all other family members. If you need further advice, please ring your local pharmacy or the council for further information.

### Hygiene

As the cold weather approaches, and with it comes colds and flu. It is very important that you remind your child about the importance of general hygiene to stop the spread of germs. Simple things like making sure you wash your hands regularly and particularly every time you go to the toilet. The importance of putting your hand in front of your mouth before you sneeze and always carrying a tissue or handkerchief to wipe a runny nose. We can all work together to stop the spread of disease in our school and help each other to stay healthy.



### Professional Learning Day for Staff Reminder (Monday 7 May)

A reminder that there will be a Professional Learning Day for teachers on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of May and that parents who require to put their child into day care at school with CAMP Australia should register their child/children with Camp Australia. Parminder and her staff are in the Hall Kitchen from approximately 2.30pm each afternoon for any questions.

### In loving memory of Fr John Maher OMI

On Saturday we remember Father John Maher OMI with a great deal of fondness and love. Seven years ago Father John Maher OMI (who was our Parish Priest at the time) passed away into eternal life on 28 April 2011. Father John served at Our Lady's Parish as Parish Priest and School Chaplain from 2009-2011. Although Father John was at our parish for a relatively short time he made a deep and everlasting impact on all those of us who were fortunate enough to know him. Father John was instrumental in the building of the St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Library and we have named the Auditorium in his honour as Father John loved the theatre. I will always remember Father John's beautiful smile, love of good food and serene and gentle ways. I ask you all to join with me and pray that Father John is now peacefully resting in Christ's loving embrace.



Yours sincerely,

*Patrizia Bertani*

**Ms Patrizia Bertani**

**Principal**

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## CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

Congratulations to all the Our Lady's Cross Country Athletes who competed at Moore Park last Friday 20 April.

Everybody ran a great race in the early morning fog with Lucas A, Ella D, Will D, Noah A, Helen G, Angus K and Allira A all finishing in the top 10 of their races!

Extra 'well dones' to the following students who will move on to the Division Cross Country at Brimbank Park on 6th June:

Lucas A (2nd)

Ella D (1st)

Will D (1st)

Noah A (2nd)

Allira A (5th)

*Ms Jo McManus*



## PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Do you have some spare time to help the Parents and Friends Committee?

Mother's Day gift wrapping Friday May 4th 8:45am-11.00am in the Hall

Mother's Day stall set up Wednesday May 9th (Mariana Hall 7.00-8.00pm)

Mother's Day stall Thursday May 10th (Mariana Hall 8:45am-11.00am)

If anyone interested could see Vera Tomek or email her on [tomek7@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tomek7@optusnet.com.au)

Please remember to sign in at the Office first.

Many thanks, *P&F Committee*



## Your school photos will be delivered early May

We know you're eagerly awaiting the delivery of your school photos.  
We thank you for your patience and understanding.



# Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre

362 Albert St, EAST MELBOURNE



## Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018



10.00am - 4.00pm

- *Pray in the Chapel*
- *Take a tour of the Museum*
- *Visit the Gift Shop*
- *Enjoy a light refreshment*
- *Mary MacKillop Walking Tour available @ 11am*

For further information and acceptances please contact MMHC on  
(03) 9926 9300 or [admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au](mailto:admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au)



# Open Day

## SUNDAY 20 MAY

Come see why  
we're leaders in  
learning excellence.

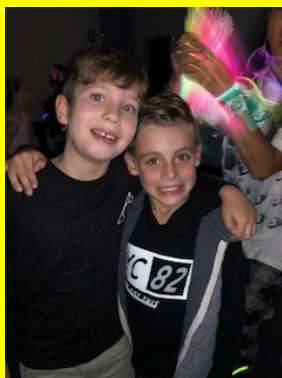
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Braybrook · 11am - 3pm

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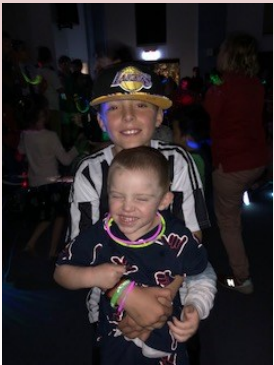


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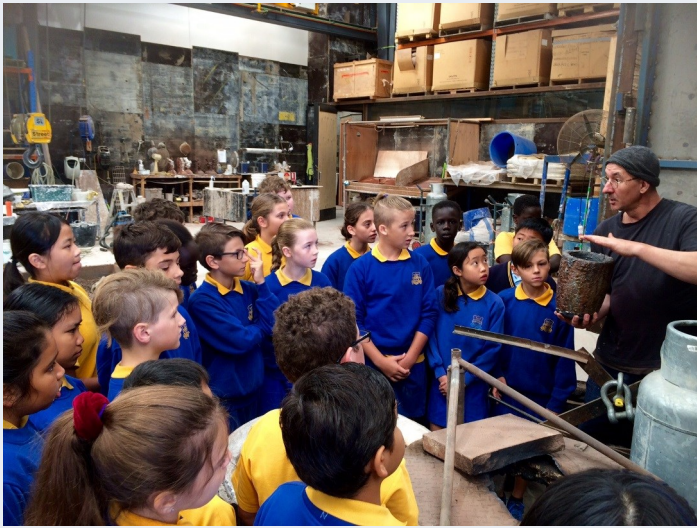












Grade 5

# Artist Visit







# Grade 2 St John's First Aid Session

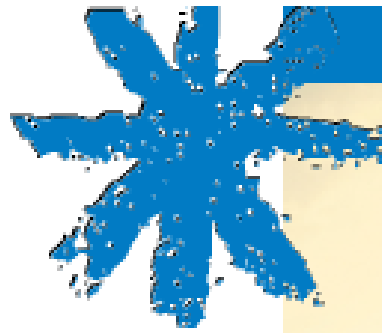




# insights

## 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.*



# I am the vine and you are the branches

5th Sunday of Easter, Year B

## Gospel Jn 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,  
and my Father is the vinedresser.  
Every branch in me that bears no fruit  
he cuts away,  
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes  
to make it bear even more.  
You are pruned already,  
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.  
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,  
but must remain part of the vine,  
neither can you unless you remain in me.'

I am the vine,  
you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,  
bears fruit in plenty;  
for cut off from me you can do nothing.  
Anyone who does not remain in me  
is like a branch that has been thrown away  
– he withers;  
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,  
and they are burnt.  
If you remain in me  
and my words remain in you,  
you may ask what you will  
and you shall get it.  
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much  
fruit,  
and then you will be my disciples.'

Who are some people in your community who are like branches of the vine? On each branch, write down a name and how they contribute their 'fruit' to the community.



Jesus says that we must be fruitful disciples. What are some of the ways that you can be a disciple to Jesus? Write or draw your answers inside the grapes.

