



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 10 December 2021 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

'And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger' Luke 2:12

DATES FOR THE DIARY Every Friday Assembly is online

Tuesday 14 December
Sports Assembly online 2.20pm
Wednesday 15 December
Students finish for 2021 at 3.00pm
Thursday 16 & Friday 17 December
Staff preparing for 2022 and Handover Days

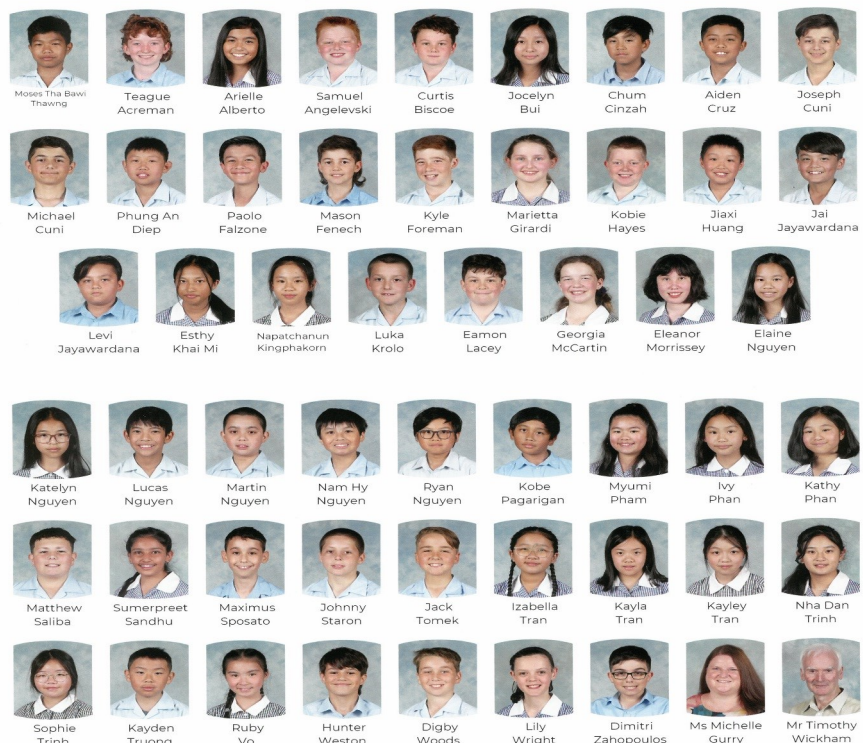
2022

Monday 31 January
Getting to Know You Years 1-6
Foundation 8.45am-1.00pm
Tuesday 1 February
Getting to Know You Years 1-6
Foundation 8.45am-1.00pm
Wednesday 2 February
Classes start for Years 1-6
No School for Foundation on Wednesdays in February

Dear Parents,

Yesterday we celebrated our Year 6 students' graduation with a beautiful mass, followed by a disco which the students thoroughly enjoyed. It was great to see our Parish Priest Father Peter, parents, students and teachers coming together to celebrate this important milestone in the lives of our Year 6 students. They are the class of 2021 as you can see below. We wish our Year 6 students every success as they transition into secondary school. We thank them for their leadership this year and their contribution to making our school such a happy and positive learning community.

CLASS OF 2021



Graduation and End of the School Year Prayer

Graduation is a wonderful time, we look forward to a future of promise. The last days of school are a time to thank God for the year. We have all grown in faith.

Father, as we get ready for graduation we ask you to be with us. We do not know what is ahead of us but we are ready to walk into the future. As we face new challenges, guide us and our lives. May we see this time as an opportunity, a new beginning, a time of hope. Help us to make a difference and to live in your love in all that we do.

God, Father of us all, thank you for all we have learned this year. We have grown in faith, hope and love of you. Thank you for the friends we have made and the good times we have shared. Be with us as we go forward into the summer. Amen



Staff Leaving Our Lady's School

We have a number of staff that will be leaving Our Lady's School this year. I would like to sincerely thank them for their contribution over the years to the Our Lady's School community and in particular to the many students and families whose lives they have touched. Teaching is a vocation and is nurtured by dedication, love, skill, passion and a deep commitment to believing that all children have a right to an excellent and nurturing learning environment where they can experience God's love, grow and flourish. We have been blessed to have you at our school. You are leaving an everlasting legacy that will never be forgotten, one that lives on in the hearts and minds of the children, staff and families of Our Lady's School.

*Wishing you all the very best.
Thank you for the love and care you have shown to the students and families of Our Lady's School.
May God' bless you all.
With heartfelt thanks and all our best wishes we farewell the following staff members...*



Denise Ryan has been at Our Lady's School for 38 years. Throughout this time her love and dedication to the students and families has never wavered. Denise is a highly qualified educator who has been in leadership roles for most of her time at Our Lady's. She has been a classroom teacher, Literacy Leader, Learning and Teaching Leader, Deputy Principal and for many years now an amazingly knowledgeable Learning Diversity Leader. Denise has mentored many staff throughout her time at Our Lady's. We wish Denise nothing but the very best as she begins her retirement. We are sure that her life will be filled with many new and exciting ventures. Thank you for your immense contribution to the life of our school community. We feel extremely blessed to have had you Denise.



Jennifer Howe has been at Our Lady's school for 6 years. Jen came to Our Lady's school as a graduate teacher and some of you might not have known that Jen had attended Our Lady's school as a child. Throughout her time at Our Lady's Jen has demonstrated a commitment to refining her practice as an educator and to improving learning for the students in her care. She has been in the role of classroom teacher and as Junior Learning Leader where she led the Junior team (Foundation, Years 1 and 2) in developing and improving the Discovery Learning program. Jen is now looking forward to a new and exciting role as a mum. We wish Jen all the very best as she prepares for the birth of her baby. We will be looking forward to seeing Jen and meeting her baby in 2022.



Tosh Kaan has been at Our Lady's School for 3 years. We were very fortunate to have an experienced educator such as Tosh join our staff. Tosh is an expert practitioner who has also been in the role of Senior Learning Leader and has led the iTime program for Years 5 and 6. Throughout her time at Our Lady's Tosh has demonstrated a deep commitment to her students and to making sure that her students develop a love of learning. Tosh is following one of her passions, art, as she moves into a different direction. She is a creative person and in 2022 will be moving into a specialist role as an Art teacher at Resurrection Primary School. We wish Tosh all the very best as she begins a new chapter in her career.



Caroline Wood has been at Our Lady's School for 1 year but has previously worked for an extended period of time as an emergency teacher and classroom teacher. Although it has been a short time Caroline has made a big impact with her positive demeanour and dedication to making sure she provides all students with engaging learning experiences and a safe and happy classroom. This year Caroline stepped into the role of Middle School Learning Leader and has led the Years 3 and 4 with the iTime program. Caroline is now looking forward to a new and exciting role as a mum to her baby girl. We wish Caroline all the very best as she prepares for the birth of her baby. We will be looking forward to seeing Caroline and meeting her baby in 2022.

Celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception - our School's namesake

On Wednesday the 8th of December we celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Classes held their own special morning prayers for Our Lady, red roses were placed at the feet of the statue of the statue of Our Lady (near the front office) and each child at the school was given a free tube to enjoy. Today we invite you to join us for our special online Friday Assembly dedicated to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception.

We ask Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception to pray for all who are part of our Parish and School community. We thank Our Lady for her ongoing protection and ask her to bless all the students and families.



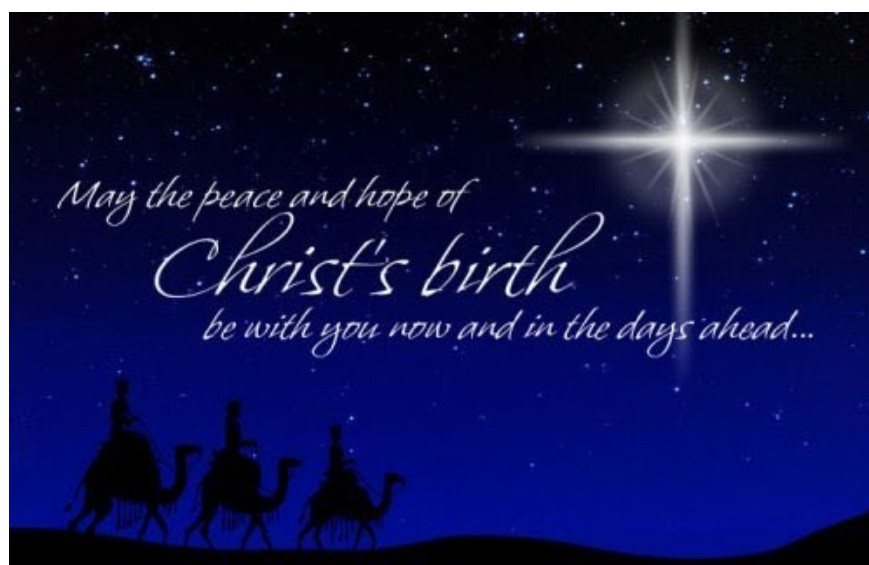
Exciting News and Congratulations to Curtis

Some of our Year 6 students that are going to Braybrook College next year applied for a Year 7 scholarship. The scholarship program offers opportunity for Leadership, Academic Excellence, Sport and the Creative and Performing Arts. Applications were open to all students enrolling in the college who wished to participate.

The recipients must be outstanding citizens who have shown an above average commitment and performance in the relevant area. Successful applicants are chosen by a college panel. Scholarship winners receive \$500 at the commencement of the 2022 school year to go towards school expenses.

I am delighted that this year Braybrook College awarded the Sports Scholarship to Curtis in Year 6A. Curtis was awarded this scholarship from the college for displaying excellent sporting skills and being a positive role model.

Congratulations Curtis! Our Lady's School is very proud of your achievement.



*Wishing everyone in the Our Lady's School community a happy and holy Christmas.
May your holidays be relaxing and full of fun family times.
Keep safe and we look forward to seeing every one in 2022.*

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

At the start of next year 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. You will receive a reminder at the beginning of 2022.

- A completed direct debit request service agreement or 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)

CLASSES 2022

FI	Ms Cam Tu Nguyen	FJ	Ms Wendy Veldman
1K	Ms Shai Stringa	1L	Ms Stephanie Huynh
2M	Ms Lana Frost	2N	Mrs Kath Mitchell
3E	Ms Karen Everson	3F	Mr Josh Howarth
4G	Ms Christine Chu	4H	Ms Beatrice Robles
5C	Mr Glenn Membrey	5D	Ms Monica Muscat
6A	Mr Tim Wickham	6B	Ms Michelle Gurry

Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani

Principal

principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au



FI

Indi - For being an exceptional self-manager all year. Well done! *From Ms. Cam Tu*

Isaiah - For always following instructions and being an exceptional Self-Manager all year. You're a champ! *From Ms. Cam Tu*

FJ

Kei - For putting so much effort into his learning this week. You are a great Self-Manager! *From Miss Wendy*

Snowbery - For being an awesome Researcher and Communicator. You found out how steam trains work, and then you created and labelled diagrams to explain your thinking to others. *From Miss Wendy*

1K

Koby B - For trying hard to write a letter in the correct way. You used an example to help you write an excellent letter. Well done! *From Miss O'Connell*

Sophia V - For always trying your best with everything at school. You are such a hard worker and I love seeing your finished work. Keep it up! *From Miss O'Connell*

1L

Akoldh N - For being a Self-Manager who works on his goal of managing his time well! Awesome job, keep it up! *From Miss Steph*

Van C - For showing the Thinker Learning Asset by using different strategies to solve problems! *From Miss Steph*

2M

Maya L - For always trying her best in all areas, and for showing respect to teachers and peers. Well done! *From Ms Frost*

Xavier S - For consistently showing respect to all peers and teachers. Also for writing an awesome and imaginative narrative this week. Well done! *From Ms Frost*

2N

Vivienne M - For being a positive and Collaborative member of our classroom community in Year 2! It has been such a pleasure watching you flourish as a learner and I am so proud of you! *From Ms Howe*

Vaslem F - For always bringing a smile to all our faces everyday! You are always so happy and positive and have become a wonderful role model for persistence Vaslem! I am so proud of you! *From Ms Howe*

3E

Delilah T For trying your best to improve your learning. You have shown you are really thinking about your learning. Well done Delilah! *From Miss Karen*

Khy P For working hard on your learning. You are more focused and have written many wonderful pieces of writing recently. Well done Khy! *From Miss Karen*

3F

Ethan N For your neat and organised approach to all learning tasks. Well done Ethan. *From Mr Josh*

Nina B For demonstrating the Our Lady's Gospel Value of Courage by taking risks with your learning and giving things a go! Keep up the great work Nina! *From Mr Josh*

4G

Dao L - For embodying the School Gospel Values of Peace and Respect consistently in our classroom! You go out of your way to look after our classroom and help those around you, without anyone needing to tell you. Well done! *From Ms Wood*

Aaliya S - For demonstrating the School Gospel Value of Peace amongst all your peers. You are always willing to hear

everyone out, and never judge or become angry quickly. These peaceful traits are hard to come by, so I am very impressed. Well done! *From Ms Wood*

4H

Kanieshka- For continuously displaying the Our Lady’s Gospel Value of Courage by taking the initiative to share your ideas during class discussions. Keep it up! *From Ms. Robles*

Joy- For displaying the Learning Asset of a Self-Manager when making your life cycle. The materials you needed were prepared before starting your inquiry project. Well done! *From Ms. Robles*

5C

Jasmine - Increasing your confidence and participation in class, this was highlighted when you helped lead a class liturgy. It is awesome to see your personality and sense of humour starting to shine through. Keep it up Jazzy! *From Ms. Kaan*

Leon- His insightful comments and contributions to class discussions. We love your ideas Leon! *From Ms. Kaan*

5D

Zoe A - for showing the Learning Asset of a Collaborator and stepping outside of your comfort zone to contribute and participate in class discussions and activities. Keep it up! *From Miss Shai*

Harrison - for consistently displaying the Our Lady’s Gospel values of Peace and Respect. You are a polite and valued member of our classroom. Thank you! *From Miss Shai*

6A

Paolo F For creating and contributing the image for the Year Six Graduation Gift. Your work has been published for all to see! *From Mr Wickham*

Curtis B Congratulations on receiving a scholarship from Braybrook Secondary School.... A well deserved award for a respectful and courteous student. *From Mr Wickham*

6B

Moses T - For consistently displaying Our Lady’s Gospel value of respect to your peers and staff! *From Ms. Gurry*

Lily W - For consistently displaying leadership skills this term during both face-to-face and online learning. You are developing into an excellent leader! Well done! *From Ms. Gurry*



Christian Z 5D	Van R 4H	Scarlett M FJ
Kennedy H 2M	Mrs Meilak	Sophie T 6A
Jack T 6A	Owen T 1K	Lily H 3E
Curtis B 6A	Yodi G FI	Zack T 4H
Lara M 2N	Pearlyn K FI	Zade S FJ
Madelene R 1K	Mia N Fi	Richard N 5D
Ryan V 3E	Anabella L FJ	



GRADUATING
Class of 2021



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Congratulations!
May God bless you & keep you!



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

2021

OUR LADY'S - 93 Monash St, SUNSHINE

Our Lady's Children's Christmas Mass

If you would like to be involved in the 6.00pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass please register your details with the Parish Secretary (9401 6344) our.lady@bigpond.net.au
We require the names and ages of all children and the contact phone number for a parent/guardian. Children's names **must be received by Monday December 13.**

FRIDAY 24th Christmas Eve

6.00pm	ENGLISH	(Fully Vaccinated only)
8.15pm	VIETNAMESE	(Fully Vaccinated only)
10.00pm	CHIN	(Fully Vaccinated only)
12.00 Midnight	ENGLISH	(Fully Vaccinated only)

SATURDAY 25th Christmas Day

10.00am	ENGLISH	(Fully Vaccinated only)
12.00 Noon	CHIN	(Fully Vaccinated only)
12.30pm	VIETNAMESE	(Fully Vaccinated only)

No Saturday evening Masses on Christmas Day

Sunday 26 December - usual Sunday times: 9.00am / 10.45am / 12.30pm / 2.30pm / 5.30pm

FRIDAY 24 December 2021

Masses for those of Unknown Vaccine Status

11.00am English (unknown/ Unvaccinated) - To attend this Mass BOOKING is necessary

4.30pm English (unknown/ Unvaccinated) - To attend this Mass BOOKING is necessary

Booking will open online will open on 15th Dec.
<http://pol.org.au/sunshine> - see LINKS: BOOKING

May you have a Blessed & Happy Christmas



SEASON'S GREETINGS!

May the holidays bring you plenty of
love and joy.



**HAVE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL
FESTIVE BREAK!**

May your family have a holiday season that is full of
wonderful surprises, treats and non-stop laughter.

**BOOK NOW TO SECURE YOUR SPOT
FOR SUMMER VACATION CARE!**

insights

Goodbye primary school, hello secondary school

by Michael Grose



The end of primary school is a significant milestone in children's lives. They've spent half their lives in primary school, in many cases in the same school, which is significant.

Developmentally they've come a long way from those skinny little kids who lined up for class on the first day holding a parent's or carer's hand. Now entering puberty, most are taller than their mothers and the only people they'll hold hands with are 'special friends', but not in public. Those displays of affection will come later in the secondary school years.

Changing from primary to secondary brings a mixture of emotions in kids such as excitement, apprehension, pride and, in many cases, sadness about leaving friends and familiar surrounds behind.

Parents often go through the same range of emotions as children at this time so we need to acknowledge those feelings in ourselves, just as we should in our children.

Looking back

This is a time for kids to celebrate their achievements; show appreciation to their teachers and enjoy the friendships that they've formed. Here are three ideas:

1. Let's celebrate

Primary school graduation ceremonies play an important part in the primary school life, as they mark the end of an era and the start of a new part of their lives. We need to be careful that the meaning doesn't become lost as graduations become increasingly lavish, even to the point where some students are transported to their graduation in a stretch limo. *Keep them simple and keep them close to the school's values.*

2. Show gratitude

As a former teacher I know how much a simple thank you can mean from students at the end of the year. So make sure your kids take the time to thank their final year teacher and as well as seek out to thank other teachers who contributed to their education over their primary school journey. *Gratitude costs nothing but has a great impact.*

3. Enjoy friendships

Encourage your kids to be open and friendly at this time of the year, and steer clear of cliques and fellow students who want to exclude others from their groups. The end of primary school can be tricky to navigate, particularly

when early maturers stick together and ostracise certain classmates. *This is the time for friendly behaviour and inclusiveness.*

Looking ahead

When primary school is finished and the holidays are coming to an end it's time to focus on the new experiences of secondary school. Some kids take secondary school in their stride but it is natural to experience some difficulty.

If your eldest is starting, then secondary school will be a relatively new experience for you too. It will take some time for you to adjust to the school's culture and communication methods.

Your attitude as a parent can help your child quickly adjust. Here are three ideas for you to help kids make a smooth adjustment:

1. Promote friendships

The quicker kids form new friendships the sooner they'll feel comfortable in their secondary school surroundings. Encourage your young person to be open to forming friendships with all sorts of kids; to be accepting of others who may be different to them; to take social risks by joining in activities even though they may feel uncomfortable; and to be friendly, approachable and positive!

2. Be ready to listen

Patience and understanding in the early weeks is essential. Brush up on your listening skills as you help your young person adjust. Talk to your young person about change and reassure them that it's normal to feel unsure or nervous in new circumstances. Let them know that many difficulties they face will be temporary.

3. Keep your attitude positive

Confidence is catching so make sure you see this transition time as an exciting challenge that your child can handle rather than an event to be feared. Ask them about the new subjects or interesting activities they are doing, and try to shift their focus to the positive aspects of school. Discuss settling in issues with the appropriate person such as a year level coordinator, but give your young person time to handle them on their own before seeking help.



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.

What must we do?

3rd Sunday of Advent, Year C



Gospel

Lk 3:10-16, 18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.'

John the Baptist had great respect for Jesus. He told people, "Someone more powerful is going to come, and I am not good enough even to untie his sandals." Write down in the shell how you can show your respect for Jesus.



Water is used in the sacrament of Baptism as a symbol of life and purity. Below there are clues to six hidden words that are all symbols used in Baptism and Mass.



G	F	A	Y	I	H	I	Q	K
F	T	M	W	J	O	Q	G	W
D	G	P	V	Z	Z	U	F	I
Z	G	W	A	T	E	R	I	N
Z	G	X	P	K	F	T	R	E
Q	E	S	L	U	Q	H	E	N
Q	D	K	C	R	O	S	S	X
Q	A	Q	K	U	G	H	M	B
N	C	A	N	D	L	E	B	J
B	H	B	R	E	A	D	D	Q