



## OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

8 December 2016

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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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*'When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy'*

*Matthew 2:9-10*



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### **Fri 9 Dec**

2.30 Sports Assembly  
Reports come home today

#### **Mon 12 Dec**

2017 Orientation 12.00-1.00pm  
Gr 6 Graduation Mass (6.30pm) and Disco (7.30-8.30pm)

#### **Tues 13 Dec**

Parent Teachers Interviews by request

#### **Wed 14 Dec**

End of Year Mass 9.00am

#### **Fri 16 Dec**

End of Year Assembly 2.45pm  
End of Term 4 and 2016 for children at 3.15pm

### **2017**

#### **Tues 31 Jan**

School starts for children for 2017

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday we gathered together as the Our Lady's Parish School community for our annual Dinner in the Yard. It was a time for staff, parents and children to spend together enjoying each others' company and the festive atmosphere created by our wonderful band 'As Good as It Gets'. Thank you to Father Peter who came along and thoroughly enjoyed catching up with the families and joining in the fun.

It was a perfect way to celebrate what has been a very successful year of learning for our school. A great example of this of course was the brilliant Art Show that featured art creations from the children across all year levels. It was great for the children to feel so affirmed by the positive reactions to their artwork. Our school mural also caused great interest and delight. Although not yet completed, it has already had many positive responses and the children are all so proud of their creation. This year our school has gone from strength to strength. And we should all feel proud of this achievement. I sincerely thank everyone who came and joined in the Dinner in the Yard and the Art Show, you made the event a resounding success.

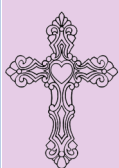


**A HUGE THANK TO OUR BRILLIANT ART TEACHER**

**MS PINA McDONALD**

**FOR THE OUTSTANDING ART EXHIBITION**

*Thank you also to everyone who helped set up the  
Art Show*



### **Graduation Prayer**

*Graduation is a wonderful time. We look forward to a future of promise.  
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.  
We pray this in the name of Jesus and the Holy Spirit of love. Amen*

*Farewell and all our very Best Wishes to the following staff members  
who are leaving Our Lady's*

We would like to sincerely thank Mrs Anna Linard who has been our Reading Recovery teacher over the last six years. Mrs Linard is a passionate educator who has shown immense dedication to improving students' reading particularly in Year One and Foundation This year we congratulate Mrs Linard as she celebrates 50 years service in Catholic Education. This is an outstanding achievement! She will be retiring this year and moving to Canberra to be closer to her family.



**Congratulations on achieving 50 years  
of service in Catholic Education**



We wish Mrs Carmela Ponzo and her family all the very best as they prepare to welcome a new baby into their family. Thank you Mrs Ponzo for all the care and dedication you showed to the children of Year 4G



Mrs Maria Vella will be leaving Our Lady's school and taking up a new position at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College. I thank Mrs Vella who has worked with a great deal of passion and commitment for the children under her care while in the role of Learning Support Officer at Our Lady's.



We also farewell Mrs Diana Maddox who has worked at Our Lady's for three and a half years as a Learning Support Officer. Mrs Maddox is moving to a school closer to home so that she can have more time for her family. I take this opportunity to sincerely thank Mrs Maddox for all her care and support of the children under her care.



Estela Lokodu has been working at Our Lady's school as a Learning Support Officer this year. Estela is leaving Our Lady's to take up further studies. I thank Estela for all that she has done this year to improving learning for the children in her care.

Yours sincerely,

*Patrizia Bertani*

**Ms Patrizia Bertani  
Principal**

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***Please come and join us to give thanks for the  
many blessings we have received this year at our  
End of Year Mass  
9.00am on Wednesday 14 December***





**What fun we all had  
at Dinner in the Yard  
and the Art Show!**











**One thinks it was a great Dinner  
in the Yard and Art Show!  
Hope you all had a fantastic  
evening!**





# YMCA Healthy Kids OSHC Our Lady's Primary PROGRAM AT A GLANCE



For all **Bookings and Cancellations** please call us directly on **0401 700 401**  
Email us: [ourladysoshc@ymca.org.au](mailto:ourladysoshc@ymca.org.au)  
For any **Account Information** please call our office on: **8371 0500**  
[www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au](http://www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au)

DAY	After School Care Activities	Afternoon Tea
<b>Monday Staff: Michelle, Chelsea &amp; Hang</b>	<b>Inside:</b> Paper Plate Stegosaurus <b>Outside:</b> Markers up	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Popcorn
<b>Tuesday Staff: Michelle, Lucette &amp; Myrna</b>	<b>Inside:</b> Christmas Wish Tree <b>Outside:</b> Free Play <b>Homework &amp; Readers.</b>	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Noodles
<b>Wednesday Staff: Michelle, Myrna and Hang</b>	<b>Inside:</b> Jewelry Beads <b>Outside:</b> Number soccer	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Donut balls
<b>Thursday Staff: Michelle, Chelsea &amp; Myrna</b>	<b>Inside:</b> Paper Sculpture Rainbow <b>Outside:</b> Fruit Salad <b>Homework + Readers</b>	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Jaffles
<b>Friday Staff: Michelle, Marlene &amp; Hang</b>	<b>Children's Choice:</b> Games, Activities Inside & Out. <b>Cooking with Marlene</b>	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Shapes

**Our Lady's OSHC will be hosting Magic Show and Balloon Twisting Workshop Incursion. Children will have the opportunity to participate in a 30 minute Magic Show followed by 1 hour of fun in the Balloon Twisting workshop. Children will have the opportunity to learn to make a Dog, a Sword or a Hat out of Balloons. The Magic Show and Balloon Twisting Incursion will be part of After School Care at Our Lady's OSHC from 4.00pm – 5.30pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, in the Hall.**

A variety of seasonal fruit and vegetables are always offered to children for afternoon snack! A variety of arts, crafts, board games, construction, recreational activities, sensory and imaginary play opportunities are available every day for children to choose. **Homework & Home Readers Time** – Our YMCA staff are there to encourage home readers and homework and most days we set aside a time to encourage this! If you or someone else is picking up your child (children) early from school and they are not attending the after school care, please let OSHC Team know. Please remember children need to bring their school hat (Broadbrim or Legionaries Hat) from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> May and sun-screen will need to be applied when playing outside.

**Bookings and Cancellations:** It is important to book your child's place so we can plan and expect their arrival at Before and After School Care. To ensure the safety of your child please notify us of any absences or additional days of care **via the My Family Lounge Portal** <http://www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au/enrol/my-family-lounge-sign-in.html> As a reminder please note that the cancellation period of 7 days notice applies for all Before and After School Care bookings. For additional information on our program please visit <http://www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au/school-care/our-locations/our-ladys-ps.html> **Thank You, Michelle and Our Lady's OSHC Team**

## PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday 24 December</b>	6.00pm	Children's Christmas Mass
	8.00pm	Vietnamese Christmas Mass
	10.00pm	Burmese & Chin Christmas Mass
	11.00pm	Carols
	11.30pm	Christmas Midnight Mass
<b>Sunday 25 December</b>	9.00am	Christmas Day Mass
	10.30am	Christmas Day Mass
	12.30pm	Vietnamese Christmas Mass

*No afternoon Mass on 25 December*



Jesus is  
coming to  
save us



3rd Sunday of Advent, Year A

## Gospel

Mt 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see: the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

Jesus told John the Baptist's followers to tell him all they had seen and heard. How did Jesus help the following people?

Blind People

Deaf People

Lame People

Lepers

# Advent Wreath

Each Sunday during the season of Advent, we light a candle on the Advent Wreath.

The candle which is lit on the third Sunday of Advent is pink. All the other candles are purple. Colour in the Advent Wreath.

