



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

22 June 2017

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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

"You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." John 20:19-31

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Fri 23 June

Sacred Heart Mass 11.00am,
7.30pm P&F Trivia Night

Tues 27 June

Second Hand Uniform Sale
3.00pm

Wed 28 June

9.00am Circle of Silence
P/T/S Learning Conversations
3.30-5.55pm

Thurs 29 June

P/T/S Learning Conversations
All day, no school for the children

Fri 30 June

End of Term 2 3.15pm

Mon 17 July

Start of Term 3 8.45am

Fri 21 July

Parish Movie

Wed 26 July

PAB Meeting

Wed 9 Aug

P&F Meeting

Tues 8 Aug

Feast of St Mary of the Cross
MacKillop

Tues 15 Aug

Feast of the Assumption

Fri 25 Aug

Catholic Secondary College
Year 7 2019 Applications close

Thurs 21 Sept

Susan McLean Cyber Safety
Parent Workshop 7.00-
8.30pm

SACRAMENTS 2017

Reconciliation (Year 3)

Thursday 14 September

Confirmation (Year 6)

Friday 17 November

Dear Parents,

We have a very vibrant learning community here at Our Lady's school and this was enhanced by the exciting visit of a very popular author/illustrator Dr Cameron Stelzer who ran creative writing workshops with each class. The children and the staff thoroughly enjoyed learning from this expert writer. Thank you to Ms Geraldine Maguire our Literacy Leader who organised this wonderful learning opportunity for the children.

Staff News

We have a number of staff who will be taking Long Service Leave in Term 3. Mr Steve Cozzi will be taking leave from June the 26th to August 21st.

Ms Pina McDonald will be taking leave from 17th of July to 28th of July and Caroline Wood will be taking classes for Art during her absence.

Mrs Pauline Zammit will be taking Long Service Leave from 17th July to 22nd of September and Miss Angelica Rodriguez will be teaching the children in 3E while Pauline is away.

I will also be taking Long Service Leave from 17th of July to 11th of September and during my absence Mrs Christine Carabott will be the Acting Principal and Ms Geraldine Maguire will be the Acting Deputy Principal. Both Christine and Geraldine are experienced and Senior Leaders of the school in whom I have every confidence.

I ask you to join me in wishing Steve, Pina and Pauline all the very best and a very happy Long Service Leave from us all.



CONGRATULATIONS to the children in 4G and 4H who made their First Communion. We are all so proud of the very reverent way you demonstrated your understanding of this very beautiful Sacrament. Below you can see both classes on their special day. Thank you to Fr Peter, Fr Vinh, Ms Halina Lipski, Mrs Michelle Drought, Mrs Stephanie Di Sante and Mrs Bronwyn Davies who prepared the children so well. Thank you also to the Parents and Friends for organising the Communion Party for the children to celebrate together on Monday.



SAVE THE DATE– Thursday 21st of September 7pm-8:30pm Susan McLean Cyber Safety – Parent Information Session In the Father John Maher Auditorium <http://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au/>

Ordinary Time Prayer

During Ordinary Time we celebrate God. We rejoice in being God's people.

Dear God, we know that you are always with us no matter where we are or what we are doing. Help us to be people of prayer who live always in your love. May we follow Jesus Christ in all things and in all ways through the Holy Spirit who guides our lives. Amen



SPORTS NEWS



Will is pictured on the right with the other competitors. His smile tells us just how happy he is with his result.

EXCITING CROSS COUNTRY NEWS!

Today we are very proud of Will D's amazing achievement. He ran at Brimbank Park today against about 50 children from different regions of Victoria including Geelong, and Bendigo. Will ran a great race and achieved his best time ever on a track that had sections that went uphill, downhill and flat sections. Will came second and has successfully made it into the State finals. Will loves all sorts of sports and particularly football, basketball and running. We congratulate him for his effort and for so wonderfully representing Our lady's School.

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NETBALL TEAMS

The Mixed Netball Team and the Girls Netball Team both won the Interschool Sports finals. They are now the SUNSHINE DISTRICT CHAMPIONS! Next term they will be competing in the Regional Finals. We are so proud of them not only because they won but even more importantly because of the sportsmanship they demonstrated towards the other teams.



An Important Reminder

The Parents and Friends Committee are hosting a Trivia Night which promises to be full of fun and exciting prizes.

When: Friday 23rd June at 7:30pm

Where: In the Marianna Hall

Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani
Principal

principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au



CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 6!

We thank you for your initiative, hard work and effort that you put into the planning, cooking, creating, setting up and running your Fundraising stall today.

You have so far raised an outstanding \$618.30 for St Vincent de Paul. Well done!!



CAMERON'S VISIT: WE ARE AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATORS



This week we celebrated writing with the author and illustrator, Dr Cameron Stelzer. Cameron read to us, showed us how to draw Stroogles and PieRats and how to add detail in writing, and action and conflict in 6 minutes of writing. The students were engaged throughout the workshops. At the end of the day we came together to celebrate and share our writing and drawings. The standard of our students' work was amazing! Here are some examples of building action and conflict in 2x3 minutes of writing

Wrestle Match by Abbey C 5D

Round 1:

Here I am face to face with a professional wrestler, about to take him on.

Bam! Pow! Slam!

I was thrown to the ground. Lord help me!

Then he picks me up again and slams me down the stairs.

I can't do it! The match is finished! I am done for!

Round 2:

Suddenly the wrestler comes down on top of me.

WHOOSH! I slip out of his reach.

Then.....I found a bag of rotten tomatoes.

With all my anger, I rapidly started firing tomatoes at him.

Down he goes!

With my foot proudly on top of him, I scream, 'Have a taste of your own medicine!'

I was the CHAMPION!



The Beast by Josh D 4G

I could hear the big roar! It smelt really bad that big green beast.

It was really tall and it had blood on its body. I wondered why.

It stopped in front of a volcano and I touched its scaly skin, rough skin on my hand.

The big brown eye and the sharp teeth looked right at me.

Feeling the nerve run down my spine, I froze!



The Library by Vivien T 6A

I was in the local library studying. Everything was calm. The refreshing smell of books filled the air. Suddenly, a scream broke the silence, 'Gummy bears!'

I looked up in confusion. What was so bad about Gummy bears? Then I saw it. It was as tall as a T Rex hovering over us causing us to cower under its evil pressure. I felt defeated. Its shadow cast a feeling of fear over us.

There was nowhere to run. I pinched myself. It wasn't a nightmare.

What was happening? Around me everyone looked panicked. Babies started screaming. The Gummy bears looked triumphant.

Then, the 84 year old librarian whipped out a basket of rotten tomatoes. Everyone started chucking the fruit in the bears' faces.

The evil Gummy bears began to back away. Raising their arms in surrender, they ran into the cold air outside.

An example of using our senses to build writing:

What am I? by Mason M 3F

It was scary.

You can smell dust.

It is filled with stone

And writing on the stone

It is cold It is quiet

All you can hear is wind

It is in the country





First

Eucharist



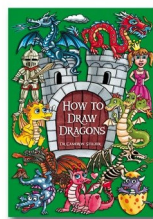
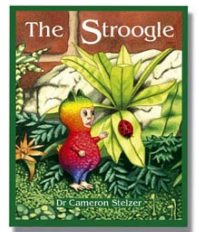


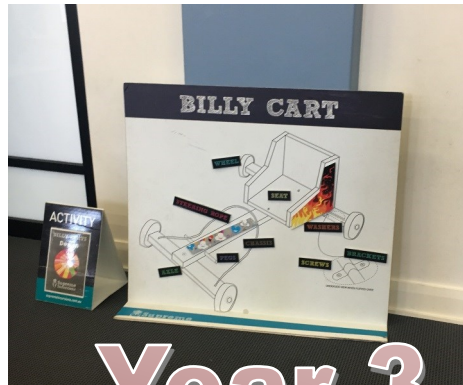
FJ Toast Making Experience





Dr Cameron Stelzer visits Our Lady's





Year 3 Billycart Incursion



Only 1 sleep to go...

OUR LADY'S TRIVIA NIGHT 2017

We hope you are ready for an awesome night
full of fun, laughter and amazing prizes!



RAFFLE

\$20 per ticket - Guaranteed prize - Limited tickets available

Prizes include:

- Victorian Goldfields Railway Family Pass (valued at \$95)
- Enchanted Maze Family Pass (valued at \$96)
- Luna Park Family Pass (valued at \$149)
- MCG Sports Museum Family Pass (valued at \$70)
- HP Colour Printer
- Wish, Dan Murphy, Coles Gift Cards
- Restaurant Vouchers
- & much, much more.....



Items include:

iPad Mini	Intimo Voucher
Helicopter Lesson	Corum – Hand Painted Artwork
Copper Pot Voucher	Tiger Tiger – Hand Painted Artwork
Paul Sadler Voucher	Glory Bound – Hand Painted Artwork
Royal Melbourne Show Voucher	Polaroid Camera
Hall's Taekwondo Party Voucher	Firepit
Bulldogs Brownlow Framed Memorabilia	

Dear parents,

This letter is to let you know that this year our school will be participating in the Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum's National Week of Prayer & Action. This week will draw our attention to the plight of people who seek asylum in Australia, and to urge a more compassionate way of responding to them.

The day is one way of putting in to practice Pope Francis' emphasis welcoming migrants and refugees in our community. As part of his focus on mercy, he has been untiring in pleading more fortunate nations to welcome people who are fleeing from persecution in their own lands, and criticising the harsh policies of building fences and excluding people at national borders.

Australia's policy has been particularly harsh towards people who seek asylum. They have spent many years in detention, often in brutal conditions. Detention is well known to cause damage to mental health, particularly to children. The effects are long-lasting. And all this is unnecessary, a form of punishment devised to discourage others from coming to Australia, a journey that has been excluded by stopping the boats.

Australian Bishops, especially Archbishop of Parramatta Vincent Long, who himself left Vietnam by boat, have been very critical of Australian policy for its harshness, and have pleaded for compassion.

In the school this week will be celebrated in different ways. We ask you to join us in prayer during the week, and to encourage your children to join it enthusiastically.

Our action will be a part of a national Catholic school initiative, coordinated by the Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum, which will bring together hundreds of schools to show their solidarity. You can learn more about it at capsa.org.au

We will be holding a "Circle of Silence" on Wednesday 28th June

at 9:00 am. You are most welcome to join us with your children.

Yours in solidarity,

Halina Lipski

RELeader

Our Lady's School

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YMCA CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS OSHC



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 For any **Account Information** please call our office on: **8371 0500**
www.childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au

PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

Term Two: Week 11: 26 June 2017		
DAY	After School Care Activities	Afternoon Tea
Monday Staff: Brad, Hang	Inside: Design Your Own Glasses Outside: Playground and AFL Footy	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Rice Cakes
Tuesday Staff: Brad, Lucette, Hang	Inside: Origami Outside: Playground & Group Games	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Fairy Bread
Wednesday Staff: Brad, Hang, Chelsea	Inside: Make Your Own Chatterbox Outside: Playground and Relays	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Crackers, Dip and Celery
Thursday Staff: Brad, Michelle	Possible Curriculum Day TBC	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Baked Treat
Friday Staff: Brad, Marlene, Michelle	Children's Choice: Games, Activities Inside & Out.	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Party Food

Bookings for the School Closure Day on offer for Thursday 29/6/17, 8.30am – 6pm are still open. School Closure Days can only run if we have a minimum of 15 children. Thank you to the families who have continued to support the days, although greater support is needed for the school closure days to operate. Confirmation will occur on Thursday 22/6/17.

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 1st September to 1st May and sunscreen 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>

There may be certain circumstances where children receive gifts or prizes throughout the year as part of our advertised programs. These occasions would be advertised on our program planners to provide parents/guardians with prior notification. Occasions where children may receive gifts/prizes as advertised are as follows: last day of school terms, end of year celebrations, designated holiday program days, cultural and festive celebration days and during organised program competitions. Thank You, Brad and Our Lady's OSHC Team

School Holiday Junior Sports Days

YMCA SCHOOL

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Forms available at the Office or see Brad in the Hall Kitchen after school

Monday 10 July - Futsal
 Tuesday 11 July - AFL
 Wednesday 12 July - Basketball

Thursday 13 July - Netball
 Friday 14 July - Multi-sport

Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS

Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Reading your child's report

Reports can mean anxious times for children. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children.

Could try harder... always does her best... lacks concentration... easily distracted... a pleasure to teach... Do these comments, taken from a batch of student reports sound familiar? Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped.

Reports can mean anxious times for children too. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:

1 Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability?

Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child's abilities. A quick check of your child's last report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.

2 Do you believe that children learn at different rates?

There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so

avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends' children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.

3 Are you willing to safeguard your child's self-esteem rather than deflate it?

Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible.

School reports come in different formats. Some are prescriptive while some use grading systems such as A, B, C, etc. with room for teacher comments. Regardless of the format school reports should provide you with an idea of your child's progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development.

Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child's report:

- **Focus on strengths.** Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.
- **Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning.** If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.

- **Broaden your focus away** from academic performance to form a picture of your child's progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don't dismiss these as unimportant.
- **Take note of student self-assessment.** Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.
- **Discuss the report with your son or daughter** talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

After reports are read and discussed celebrate your child's efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.

Michael Grose 



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Don't be afraid!

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



God watches over us and protects us because we are precious to him. Draw a picture of something that is precious to you.



What are some things that people are afraid of?



How does God help us to overcome our fears?

Gospel

Mt 10:26-31

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.