



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

21 September 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

"Everything they owned was held in common." Acts 4:32

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thurs 21 Sept

Susan McLean Cyber Safety
Parent Workshop 7.00-
8.45pm

Fri 22 Sept

Our Lady's Show Day - casual
day for students
AOM Assembly
End of Term 3 at 3.15pm.

Mon 9 Oct

Start of Term 4 8.45am

Wed 11 Oct

P&F Meeting

Fri 13 Oct

Parish Movie

Tues 17 Oct

Parent Confirmation Night
with Fr Elio Capra

Mon 23-Fri 27 Oct

Missions Week

Wed 25 Oct

Open Doors Yr 5-6 Parent and
Student Night 7.00-8.15pm

Fri 27 Oct

Missions Assembly 2.30pm

Wed 1 Nov

All Saints Day

Thurs 2 Nov

All Souls Day

Fri 3 Nov

All Saints and Souls Assembly

Mon 6 Nov

Professional Learning Day for
Staff (Report Writing) -No
School for Students

Tues 7 Nov

Melbourne Cup Day Public
Holiday

SACRAMENTS 2017

Confirmation (Year 6)

Friday 17 November



Dear Parents,

As we draw this term to a close we can celebrate the many achievements that the students have made and the growth of our students both as learners and as people. The 'Horizons of Hope' is an Education framework for all schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne which has informed and helped to shape of the current curriculum at Our Lady's school. The over-riding premise that we believe at Our Lady's school is that *'Learning brings hope.'* I would like to share with you some aspects of the Vision that we have for our school:

All members of Our Lady's School community are learners who:

- Honour the sacred dignity of each person, supported to see their lives as shaped by God
- build a culture of learning together through collaboration, partnerships and life-giving relationships
- commit to achieving the highest standards possible, based on reflection, evidence and research
- make a difference in the world, inspired by the Gospel to act for justice and the common good.

You will see much evidence of the above Vision being enacted out in the learning opportunities that we provide for our students. I hope that you enjoy the photos we have shared with you in the following pages of the newsletter. They show the students across year levels engaged in rich and varied learning opportunities such as:

Year 1 Como House excursion, Foundation at Fairy Park. Year 5 iTime sharing of their Personalised learning Years 3 to 6, Discovery Time F to 2, Mrs Cuni and Mrs Koeford's children sharing their learning with their parents and the Year 5 students' Colonial Chats.

I would like to congratulate the students of Our Lady's school for completing an excellent term of learning and for all the effort and persistence they put into improving their learning.



Don't forget!

Tomorrow Friday 22 September is Our Lady's Show Day and to help us in the Show mood all children can come to School in casual clothes.



TONIGHT - Thursday 21st of September 7pm-8:45pm
Susan McLean Cyber Safety – Parent Information Session in the
Father John Maher Auditorium

<http://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au/>

Our Teachers



Jesus, when you lived on earth, people called you 'Teacher'. Our teachers are like you when they teach us about God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - about Mary, about heaven, about angels, about saints, about being good, about sin, about suffering, about death, about praying, about adding up, about spelling, about writing, about computers, and lots and lots of other things. Help our teachers as they work hard to teach us, help them when they are tired or worried, give them lots of fun in being teachers. Please bless our teachers and their families.

Learning Journals and Digital Portfolios

Tomorrow your child will be bringing home their Learning Journals and I ask you to make sure you take the time to look over it with your child. It represents some snapshots of your child's learning across curriculum areas. It is important that you praise your child for what they have accomplished in Term 3.

Mrs Cuni and Mrs Koefords's students celebrating and sharing their learning with their families.



A HUGE THANK YOU...

to the dedicated team of Parent Volunteers who make up the Parents and Friends. They work and have their own families but so generously give up their precious time to raise money for the school while providing some very special treats and experiences for the children. The staff and students of Our lady's school want you to know just how much we appreciate all you do. Please consider the Parents and Friends as volunteers are urgently Required.

Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani

Principal

principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

Don't forget it's SHOW DAY tomorrow at Our Lady's school

There will be:

- A petting Farm for children to enjoy
- Lunchtime circus performers

Children can come to school out of uniform at no cost.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Show day – Friday 22 September (help needed throughout the day)

Helpers needed to sort show bags from 8.45am (in the school hall) and pizza (in the hall kitchen) from 12.15pm. Please sign in at the Office and then meet us there if you can spare some time.

Show bag update

We have been advised that unfortunately Benson's Show Bags have run out of stock of Best Friends Forever (BFF) show bags. We have been provided with Totally Girls show bags as replacements. Benson's apologises for the inconvenience and as you can see below some of the contents are similar. Also, some of the Tricks and Jokes showbags have plain bags as the printed ones ran out.

Best Friends Forever Bag:



Totally Girls Bag:



PREPARATIONS FOR 2018

As we are beginning our preparations for 2018, 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 2018 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 2018 (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 2018

Family Name: _____

Child/children's names

- | | |
|----------|--------------|
| 1. _____ | Grade: _____ |
| 2. _____ | Grade: _____ |
| 3. _____ | Grade: _____ |

Suburb we are moving to: _____

Name of our new school: _____

Signed: _____ **(Parent)**

Please return this form to the office as soon as possible



Year 1 at Como House





Grade 1 at Como House





Foundation at Fairy Park





Foundation at Fairy Park





Grade 5 iTime Sharing





Many thanks to Sue,
Sonya, Tran, Cathy,
Louise and Merryn
for their hard work
and skills in beginning
the costume making
for *Dream A Little
Dream!*



Our Super
Sewing Group
hard at work



5D Colonial Chats





SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2017
SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2017
10AM UNTIL 12PM

COME & TRY DAY

Do you have a child between under 6 to under 16 years old who is interested in Athletics?

Athletes will be able to participate in the majority of the events we offer. This day will also be an induction for members who are interested in learning how to conduct an event safely and correctly. If you have any questions please email us at brimbank@lavic.com.au



**FAMILY, FUN AND
 FITNESS
 SEASON RUNS FROM
 OCTOBER TO MARCH**

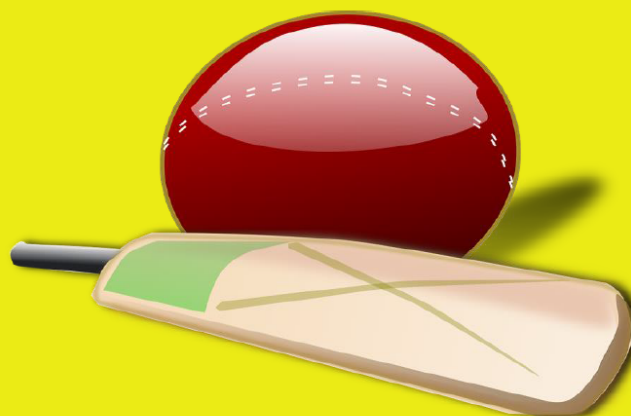
**QUALITY TRAINING
 AVAILABLE**

**GREAT OPPORTUNITY
 TO TRY ATHLETICS IN
 A FUN AND ENGAGING
 ENVIRONMENT**

**BRIMBANK LITTLE
 ATHLETICS CATERS
 FOR ATHLETES OF ALL
 ABILITIES
 INCLUDING
 MULTICLASS**

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**THE SUMMER SEASON WILL
 COMMENCE ON 7/10/17**



JUNIOR TRAINING START DATES

WITH THE SEASON FAST APPROACHING, THE SUNSHINE YCW CRICKET CLUB ARE INVITING ALL OUR RETURNING AND NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS TO OUR FIRST TRAINING SESSION OF THE YEAR!

THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 5PM – 6PM

THIS WILL BE OUR FIRST CHANCE TO GET TOGETHER AND MEET ALL THE PLAYERS AND COACHES FOR THE COMING YEAR.

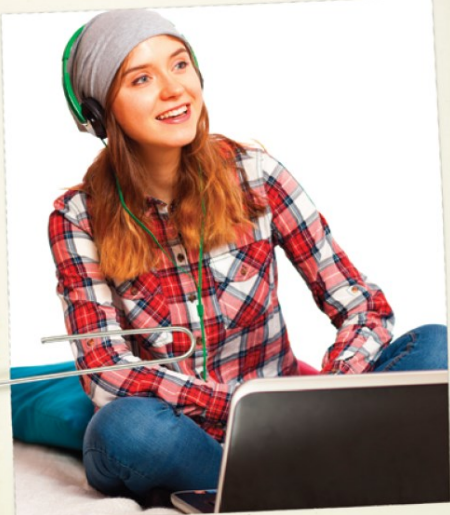
AFTER THIS, TRAINING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY & THURSDAY NIGHTS. THIS WILL COINCIDE WITH OUR SENIOR TRAINING AND ALLOW OUR JUNIORS TO LEARN FROM THE BEST!

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT OUR JUNIOR ADMINISTRATOR NICHOLAS TRIPLET ON 0409 300 705 OR EMAIL JUNIORADMINISTRATOR@SUNSHINEYCWCC.COM.AU



Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Catherine Gerhardt



Digital social skills

Just as we teach children social skills for real life, there are important social skills for the digital world. It is imperative that parents teach children to follow a few basic rules.

The internet is a portal into some of the most amazing places, and just like any new place we visit, we are likely to make a few social stumbles. If travelling the world, every culture you visit would have its own social nuances that you are likely to have to work your way around. It would be easy to misunderstand what others say or take offence to something that was not intended.

Young people, at the best of times, are still learning social rules and developing their critical thinking skills around collective interactions. Well-meaning personalities can make all kinds of mistakes when they enter this new online culture.

As parents we want to do whatever it takes to minimise the mistakes our children make online. Netiquette is a set of general guidelines for cyberspace behaviour. Here are some basic principles parents can use to help children solve their own 'netiquette' dilemmas.

Be kind Remember the human behind every screen. Every user is an independent person with individual thoughts and

feelings. It can be easy to misunderstand another person's intentions or even be rude to others when you are not interacting with them in person and given the grace of viewing facial expressions and emotions. Perhaps the best mantra we can go back to as parents is the golden rule of "Treat others how you would like to be treated." Developing empathy and trying to see that comment, post or photo from many different perspectives takes practice. How would you feel if someone said that to you? Treating others with respect is paramount. Yes, there may be times when you might have to stick up for yourself, however it needs to be done in a responsible and respectful way.

If you wouldn't do it there, don't do it here Social standards apply to both online and offline spaces, and standards of online behaviour should be consistent with real life expectations. As parents we put many rules and expectations in place as to how we expect our children to behave in a public place. I know I expect my children to show respect, use their manners, help others out, practice kind language, etc.

Online is the biggest public place your child will ever find themselves, which is all the more reason to work on exceeding those standards of behaviour.

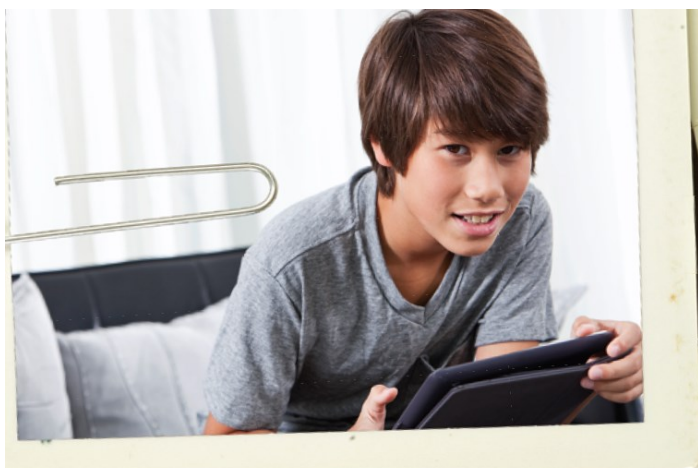
Respect privacy With the world wide web being a public place, privacy is paramount. Learning how to protect personal information and the importance of looking at a website's privacy policy can help develop skills around internet privacy. Asking for permission before creating accounts and downloading files, strategies for identifying scams and limiting the type of information kids give about themselves or others can help set a strong foundation for their digital lives. Children do not always appreciate that they may be putting their information in jeopardy, because the warning signs are not always obvious. Respecting other people's right to privacy is also crucial; don't tell other people's stories, spread rumours or give away personal details without permission.

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Develop their internal filter

Parents may feel that they have some control over their child's use of technology and many use programs and apps that allow for monitoring and filtering content. Despite the best intentions, there are times when filters are re-set, not set up correctly or not even in place – for example when your child goes to their friend's house, gets online and no safety mechanisms have been established. What this means is that we need to help our children develop their internal filter, as this is the one they will always have and may need to rely on. Research is clear that the best way to teach morals and ethics is through example.

Teach them to do the right thing

Parents can nurture moral principles that will guide their children to stand up for their beliefs and act right even without us. Know what you stand for so that your child knows. Parents with clearly identified moral convictions are more likely to raise children that do the right thing. Pursue opportunities to look for moral issues and talk about them as they come up: from TV shows and news events to situations at home, school, and friends. Discuss with your child how you feel about the issue and why.

Be upstanding There will be times online when your child will have to be brave and stand up for others, when they will have to go against social pressure to do what is right. When someone they know is being deliberately upset or harassed by another person, expect your child to move from bystander to upstander, because

this is the right thing to do. In most cases many people contribute to the cyberbullying. Many know about the situation, but choose not to get involved. Encourage your child to stand up, speak up and act up against online abuse. They can support the target by letting them know they are there and provide empathy. Encourage your child to report what is happening to a trusted adult; someone who they believe will listen and has the skills, desire, and authority to help.

Technology is moving forward quickly, and it continues to evolve at an unprecedented pace. Taking the time to impart digital social skills at an early age is vital for our children as they move from playground friends to social media and gaming friendships.

These simple rules apply all along the developmental spectrum. They also give us a clear understanding of what we can do as parents, to help our children manage a positive digital reputation.

Catherine Gerhardt

TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

- 1 **PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT** keep reinforcing positive digital social skills and a strong foundation will be laid.
- 2 **COACH** about privacy in a public place.
- 3 **FOLLOW** the social code of good people.
- 4 **MANNERS** are necessary.
- 5 **COMPLIMENTARY** conduct is proper.
- 6 We are **FREE** to follow group rules. We are not **FREE** to hurt others.
- 7 Encourage the **THINK** rules.

THINK

Using the THINK rule can go a long way in practicing digital social skills. It is a checklist of questions that children must go through before they post or comment online. Is it True? Is it Helpful? Is it Inspiring? Is it Necessary? Is it Kind? Created to emphasise care online, it applies to real world engagement as well.

Catherine Gerhardt is a dedicated advocate of critical thinking skills in children and young people. As a parent of school aged children she understands the commitments and challenges parents face ensuring they provide the right information to young people in a way that empowers them to develop their personal and social capabilities. Catherine is a certified training provider through the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner.



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God is generous

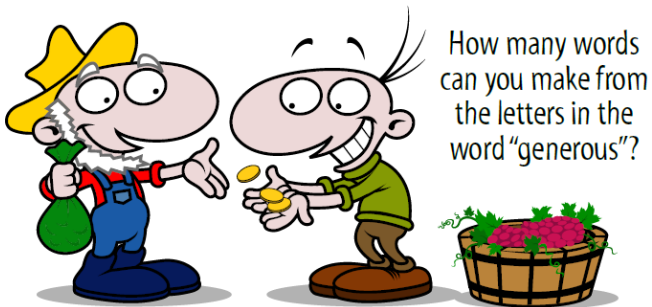


25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Gospel Mt 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the

owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'



How many words can you make from the letters in the word "generous"?

GENEROUS

START

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

FINISH



COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"Everyone who is now first will be last!"