



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

16 December 2022

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Parish Priest: Fr. Peter-Damien McKinley

Principal: Ms. Patrizia Bertani

Parish Mass Times:

English: Saturday 9.00am, 5.30pm, Sunday 9.00am, 10.30am & 5.30pm

Vietnamese: Saturday 7.00pm, Sunday 12.30pm, Friday 7.30pm

Burmese: Every 2nd Sunday 2.30pm

Chin: Every 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday 2.30pm

Tongan: Every 1st Sunday 3.00pm

School Phone: 9312 2230

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Our Lady's is a Child Safe School

But test everything; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Fri 16 Dec

11.30am End of Year Mass

2.30pm End of Year Assembly

3.15pm End of 2022 for students

Mon 19-Tues 20 Dec

Professional Learning Days -

Handover Days for Staff.

2023

Mon 30 Jan Getting to Know You and Your Family appointments for Years 1-6. Foundation Session

8.45am-1.00pm

Tues 31 Jan Getting to Know You and Your Family appointments for Years 1-6. Foundation Session

8.45am-1.00pm

Wed 1 Feb Classes start for Years 1-6 at 8.35am. School finishes at 3.10pm every day.

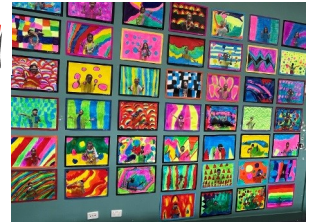
No school for Foundation 2023

Wednesdays during February.

Dear Parents,

We have had an amazing week of joyful events on this third week of Advent. Beginning with our beautiful ART SHOW which our extremely talented art teacher extraordinaire Miss Pina put together with her fantastic volunteers. It was just lovely to see the number of families who came to enjoy the students' unique art creations. We are all so proud of the Our Lady's students' art creations.

ART SHOW



This event was followed by the Graduation Mass and disco which celebrated the Year Six students reaching this very special milestone. As the students danced away at the disco it was wonderful to see so many of their parents enjoying a cup of tea/coffee and reminiscing about the seven years their children have been at Our Lady's.

On Tuesday and Thursday we had the pleasure of seeing the enchanting and beautiful Year 2 Christmas play performance in the Auditorium. Thank you to Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Granata, Mrs Mendoza and the children of Year Two for bringing the story of Christmas alive in our school.



2023 SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Julianna L

Leon A

Miller M

Chanel P

Lachlan B

Jacqui M

CONGRATULATIONS



END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR PRAYER

The last day of school is a time to thank God for the year. We have all grown in faith.

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 holidays and look after us all until we return to school next year. Amen



We conclude this year with much gratitude to God for all the blessings we have received.

This year the staff, students and parents of Our Lady's school have collaborated and shared our combined strengths, talents and expertise to nurture and improve Our Lady's, making it a place where each and every child experiences school life based on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ; as described in the Gospels, where every child feels welcomed, valued and safe. A place where all children learn how to relate to others in a positive way, love learning, experience success and learn how to overcome challenges and use these experiences as an opportunity to grow and flourish. As we bring this 103rd year of Our Lady's school to a close there are many people that I would like to thank and acknowledge.

I would like to thank Father Peter our Parish Priest. Your wisdom, spiritual guidance and constant support of Our Lady's School has been greatly appreciated by myself, the staff, students and parents. We look forward to working together next year in what will be Our Lady's school 104th year.

I would like to thank the staff of Our Lady's school. You are a fantastic group of passionate and dedicated educators who put in 100% to make sure that we provide the best education for our children. You are such a dynamic and inspirational group of people and are to be congratulated on your dedication to making sure that each child feels valued, loves learning and coming to school. A special thank you to Christine Carabott our Deputy Principal and Student Wellbeing Leader. Christine, thank you for your professional and caring approach to the children, staff and families of our school and thank you for your ongoing support and leadership of Our Lady's school.

Thank you to a special group of people who have worked very hard this year, our Parents and Friends Committee members who have met regularly throughout 2022 and organised many special fund-raising events which have injected much fun and joy into the life of the school. Thank you for all your creative ideas, hard work and enthusiasm. Your efforts have raised over \$8000 for our school which will be put towards building a new playground for our students.

Thank you to all the members of the Leadership Team, who have supported myself and Christine in leading the school, Anna Kalc our Numeracy Leader, John Buttigieg our Digital and Design Technology leader, Kriss Oliver our RE/Learning and Teaching Leader, Tim Wickham our OHS and Child Safety Leader, Tania Cuni our Literacy Leader and Kirsty Ross our Learning Diversity Leader. A big thank you also to the Team Leaders who led Discovery Time and iTime throughout 2022. Wendy Veldman (Junior Team Leader), Josh Howarth (Middle Team Leader) and Monica Muscat (Senior school Team Leader)

Thank you to all the students of Our Lady's school. You have worked very hard to improve your learning, to be the best students you can possibly be and you have lived out the Our Lady's Gospel values throughout the year. We are very proud of you all.

A special thank you to our brilliant Year 6 students who we thank for their outstanding leadership and their valuable contribution to our school in 2022. All of you in your own unique way have helped to shape this school and in turn the school has contributed to shaping you as a person and as a learner. We give thanks for all you have contributed while at Our Lady's School. We wish you all the very best for all your future endeavours.

I would also like to thank a number of other students and their families across the school who are leaving us. We wish you all the best in your future education as you commence a new journey at a new school. Thank you for all your contribution to Our Lady's school.

A Christmas message for the staff, students and parents of Our Lady's school community

May the Spirit of hope and joy that the birth of the Christ child brings be with you and your families during this festive season and may you have a safe and happy New Year.

I look forward to coming together once again as the Our Lady's parish school community in 2023 and celebrating Our Lady's Schools' 104th year.

Happy and safe holidays to you all.



CLASSROOM TEACHERS FOR 2023

FI Ms Cam Tu Nguyen & Mrs Menica Granata
1K Ms Shai Stringa
2M Ms Rochelle Monge
3E Mrs Angelica Mendoza & Ms Jen Howe
4G Ms Karen Everson
5C Mr Glenn Membrey
6A Mr Tim Wickham

FJ Ms Wendy Veldman.
1L Ms Steph Huynh
2N Mrs Kath Mitchell
3F Mr Josh Howarth
4H Ms Beatrice Robles
5D Ms Michelle Gurry
6B Mrs Monica Muscat

STAFF NEWS

Ms Izzy White

Thank you to Ms White for teaching the students of Year 4G this term. Ms White is leaving Our Lady's school as she will be preparing for the birth of her first child. She has been a wonderful addition to our staff and we will miss her. We wish her every success and happiness.

Ms Jess Stiles

Jess Stiles has been the Our Lady's school speech pathologist for the last two years. She has provided her expertise to enhance learning for many of our students. Ms Stiles is also leaving us as she is also preparing to welcome her new baby into her family. We wish her every happiness and success.

We are currently looking for a new speech pathologist for 2023 and as yet have not been able to secure someone for this position.

Ms Micaela Manning

Ms Manning has been the school counsellor for the last six months. She is a provisionally registered psychologist and will not be returning to Our Lady's as she must complete her placement in another context. I would like to thank her for all her hard work and expertise which was greatly appreciated. We wish her every success as she completes her studies in 2023.

I am happy to announce that we have found a new school counsellor for 2023 and would like to welcome Cameron Lee who will be working at Our Lady's school on Monday and Tuesday next year.



FAREWELL AND THE BEST OF LUCK TO OUR BRILLIANT YEAR SIX STUDENTS



Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani

Principal

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I wish you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas. May the new year be filled with happiness and love. May God bless all our families, students and staff. Hoping that you will be able to rest and recuperate during this holiday period and I look forward to journeying with you all in 2023.

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARDS



Foundation I Foundation J

Klara M Jeremiah L Dylan K Louisa D

1K 1L

Van P Zade S Jayden L Chanel C

2M 2N

Justin B Louise N Joanne H Makuei M

3E 3F

Hiyab A Helena L Xavier S Thien N

4G 4H

Delilah T Ryan V Bailey H Michelle L

5C 5D

Van R Bella D Aquelly L Joy Khen

6A 6B

Leon A Jacqui M Summer F Carry C

Special mention to Digby M

HOUSE POINTS

4th Place on 14,511 is Woods/Blue

3rd place on 14,614 is Mazenod/Yellow

2nd place on 14,870 is Chisholm/Red

1st Place on 15,057 is Mackillop/Green

CHISHOLM

MacKILLOP

MAZENOD

WOODS

WORLD CUP SOCCER

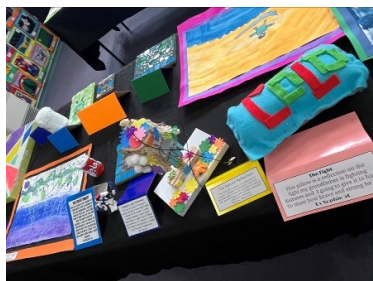
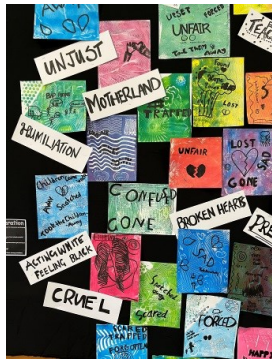
During Term 4, Our Lady's has been having it's own World Cup Soccer competition. Girls and boys from Years 3-6 have been playing soccer at Snack and lunch times. The Year 6 Sports leaders have been helping to referee the games. The Grand Finals were played last Friday and the **Winning Teams were Team 4 for the girls and team 4 for the boys**. Congratulations.



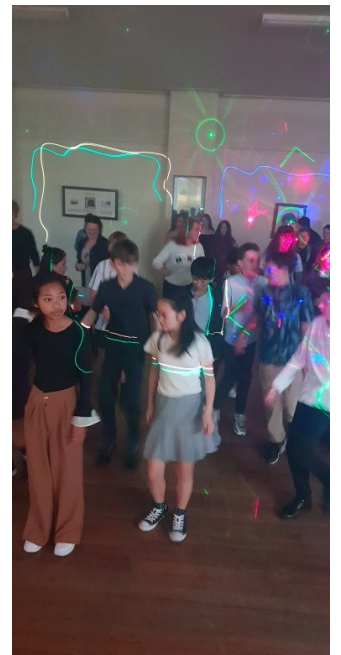
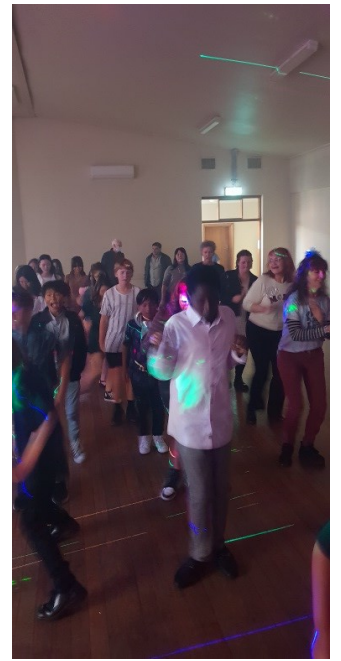
2022 Sportspeople of the Year







Year 6 Graduation Disco



INSIGHTS

Making new friends and staying in touch with old classmates



As a parent there is a great deal you can do to help your child adjust socially at the start of the school year. Here are some tips to help.

Encourage your child to be open to new friendships

An open, friendly attitude is a child or young person's best social asset. Students who open to forming new friendships are more likely to succeed than those who seek solitude, who are critical and who limit themselves to just one or two familiar faces. Encourage your child or young person to seek out new friendships, even though they may feel uncomfortable or strange at first.

Encourage healthy relationships

Do all you can to encourage healthy relationships based on respect and common courtesy. Generally, when a relationship is healthy a child feels safe, valued and able to speak up. Unhealthy relationships, such as cliques, are restrictive, one-sided and are full of gossip and criticism.

Encourage inclusiveness

Studies have shown inclusiveness to be one of the prime social skills shared by socially successful students. Encourage your child or young person to include others in games, conversations, team activities and other group activities. Inclusiveness is not just a wonderful friendship skill, it's strong leadership attribute as well.

Encourage friendships with both genders

If you are in a co-education environment encourage your child to form friendships with both boys and girls. This is particularly valid if your child has siblings of their own gender, or don't have siblings. It's through these early relationships that we gain the confidence to mix with different genders in the later years. Forming friends across genders helps to break down the mystique that sometimes forms, when a child has little contact with the 'other' gender.

Stay in touch with former classmates and school friends

Encourage your child to maintain friendships with former classmates and groups outside of school as this helps to insulate against unfriendly behaviour that they may experience with their close social circle.

Provide social scripts

Your child may benefit from being provided with some social scripts that they can use in common social situations such as meeting a new friend, joining in a game or asking someone else for help. Boys, in particular, can benefit when given the words to use in a variety of different social situations.

Forming new friendships can take time

Meeting new students and forming new friendships can be anxiety-inducing. If this is the case for your child, then it helps to acknowledge their feelings of discomfort, but also remind them that these feelings will pass. As well discuss the fact that feeling comfortable with new friends often takes time, particularly if your child by nature is reserved or slow to warm up in social situations.

Helping kids work through friendships can be tricky for a parent as you don't have a great deal of control over what happens at school. However, with empathy, patience, encouragement and a supportive attitude you can do a great deal to help your child make a smooth social transition.



Michael Grose

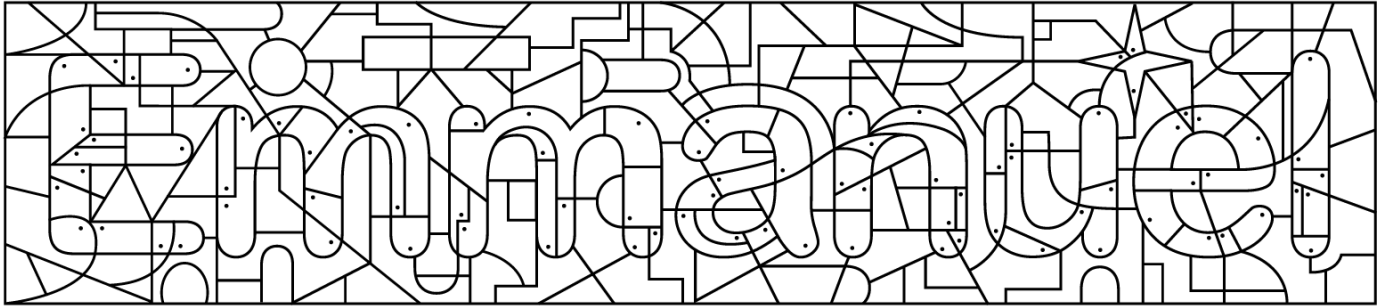
Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's an award-winning speaker and the author of 12 books for parents including *Spoonfed Generation*, and the bestselling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*. Michael is a former teacher with 15 years experience, and has 30 years experience in parenting education. He also holds a Master of Educational Studies from Monash University specialising in parenting education.

He will be called **Emmanuel**



4th Sunday of Advent, Year A

Colour in the shapes with dots to reveal a special name.



Gospel

Matthew 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.



One night, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream.
What were some of the things the angel told Joseph?