



## OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

29 June 2017

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Principal: Ms. Patrizia Bertani  
Parish Mass Times: Saturday 6:00pm  
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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 30 June**  
End of Term 2 3.15pm  
**Mon 17 July**  
Start of Term 3 8.45am  
**Fri 21 July**  
Parish Movie  
**Mon 24 July**  
Team Colours Day  
**Wed 26 July**  
PAB Meeting  
**Thurs 3 Aug**  
100 Days of Foundation  
**Tues 8 Aug**  
Feast of St Mary of the Cross  
MacKillop - Gold Coin Donation for Josephs Corner  
**Wed 9 Aug**  
P&F Meeting  
School Disco  
**Mon 14-Fri 18 Aug**  
Italian Week  
**Tues 15 Aug**  
Feast of the Assumption  
**Mon 21-Fri 25 Aug**  
Book Week - Escape to Everywhere  
**Mon 21 Aug**  
Book Week Parade  
**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,

As we prepare to bring Term Two to a close I would like to thank all of you who have contributed to the life of our school. Thank you to all the wonderful parents who have given their time to help out around the school in so many different ways. A special thank you to all the Parents and Friends for their work this term. A very special thank you to Lyndal Acreman and her very entrepreneurial team for organising such a fun and successful Trivia Night for our community. Congratulations on a wonderful effort and a big thank you for raising a whopping \$6194.55 for Our Lady's school.



**A big thank you to all the Parents and Friends who helped to organise this wonderful night and especially to Lyndal Acreman for all her hard work!**

***Our TRIVIA NIGHT RAISED an AMAZING \$6194.55!***

Last week we celebrated the Mass of the Sacred Heart and the children of Our Lady's school worked hard to raise much needed funds for the Vincent De Paul Society. We thank all the parents for their donations and all the children who supported this important community fundraising event in which we live out our Christian mission of solidarity with others in our community.



**Congratulations!**

**You have helped to raise \$938.00 for**

**St Vincent de Paul!**

**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/>**

### **Holidays**



Hooray for holidays! Thank you, God, for holidays, and all the good things they bring. After you had created the world you rested, so you know how good holidays are. They are such a fun time!

Help us to make them a happy time for our parents, too, and for all the people we share the holidays with. Please keep us safe.

Thank you, God, for holidays!

# EXTRA Curricula Lunchtime Activities At Our Lady's

At Our Lady's school we are always looking for ways to provide a differentiated school environment by offering alternative choices as we strive to more deeply engage our students. We know that children are all different and are interested in different things. We have applied this belief to what we offer our students during their lunchtime break. During Terms 1 and 2 we have had many teachers who have so generously given up their time to offer our students a wider variety of clubs and activities that they can participate in during lunchtime. These are all very well attended and the children have really loved these extra-curricula opportunities to add some alternatives to what they can do at lunchtime. We will continue the following extra-curricula clubs and activities in Term 3.

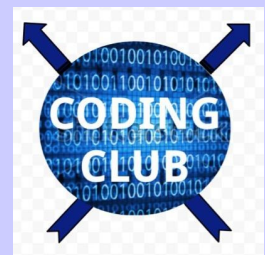


## The Glee Club Choir



## The Film Club

## The Coding Club



## The Games Club

## The MacKillop Village activities

We invite all children to try out these clubs if they haven't already done so.

**Thank you to all the teachers who throughout this year have organised so many Extra-curricula activities for our children to enjoy during lunchtimes.**

# Our mural is complete!

Congratulations to Miss Pina who designed the mural and the children and staff of Our Lady's School who worked on this project. We now have a permanent reminder of our connection to each other and our connection to our God. The piece of scripture represented in the mural is from the Gospel of John 15:15

*I am the vine and you are the branches*



## School Improvements

The school environment needs ongoing maintenance and repair. During the school holidays there will be many improvements underway. Mr Paul Williams will be overseeing the work as he is our Maintenance man while Steve Cozzi is away on Long Service Leave. The following works will be hopefully completed during the school holiday:

- ⇒ **The installation of a new Garden from the front entrance, around the main office and in front of the Art Room.**
- ⇒ **7 New wall heaters for Rooms A, B, C, D, G, H and Staffroom.**
- ⇒ **Installation of RedCat audio systems to all rooms in the school to improve the quality of the learning environment for all students.**
- ⇒ **The replacing of seats around the trees near the church area as seen in this picture.**



Yours sincerely,

*Patrizia Bertani*

Ms Patrizia Bertani

Principal

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**Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday**

During the time I am away I will be in Italy visiting family and doing some travelling. I will be keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.

I take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support of both myself and our beautiful school. May God bless you all.





# Trivia Night Fun



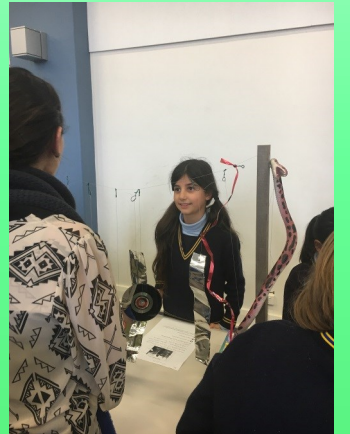
Many thanks to all that attended the P&F Trivia Night last Friday Night. From all reports a great night was had by all! Congratulations and extra thanks to Mrs Lyndal Acreman (mother of Teague and Cade), Mrs Michelle Hayes (mother of Kobie) and all the Committee for all their hard work in organising donations, setting up the room and ensuring the night was a great success!



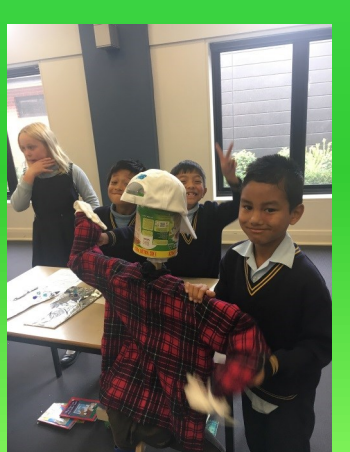
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# Grade 3 Garden Expo







## Staying relevant in a Digital World

By Martine Oglethorpe

*As technology continues to advance and our lives become more immersed in everything digital, the challenges faced by parents can often feel overwhelming.*

We know that the technology is here to stay and we also know the many benefits that we can reap from the digital world. There are amazing ways we can connect and collaborate, raise awareness, create, learn and share. We are also frequently made well aware of the dangers and pitfalls of this connected world..

We hear often about the predators, the pornography, the paedophiles, the gaming obsessions, the screen-time addictions and the cyberbullying.

So how do we ensure that our kids are getting the very best that the technology has to offer whilst avoiding those negative elements?

One of the best ways we can do this as parents is to remain relevant. But how do we stay relevant in a world that seems to move so fast? In a world where our kids already seem to know so much?

It starts by taking the time to get to know the world your children are growing up in and work to understand the challenges they face. Because kids do face challenges and they will make mistakes. We need to ensure that those mistakes are ones they can learn from and aren't life changing.

### Be the Wise ones

Well they may well have a lot of knowledge when it comes to all things technical. But they are not necessarily wise like us. Now I use the word 'us' very loosely here in referring to the adult population, because anyone who has spent any time online knows there are many adults who are not wise. But generally speaking, adults have a lot more understanding of the intricacies of interactions, relationships and the complexities of human behaviours than kids do. Our kids are interacting and connecting with others in a world that is often beyond what they are developmentally and emotionally ready for. We need to help them with that.

### Play and interact

Sure we all love the lure of an iPad to ensure we can finish our coffee whilst its hot or get the dinner cooked uninterrupted. But if we also take the time to play and interact with our kids and their devices, we get a different perspective about what they enjoy. We get the bonus of the interactive element as well as time to bond and enjoy something together. We also put ourselves in a much better position to set relevant boundaries and help them understand those boundaries.



# parenting \* ideas

## Staying relevant in a Digital World

### Listen to others and listen to your child

If your friend's child is playing a game, has an account on social media or enjoys certain websites, then there is a good chance your child does too. Just as we would play at the park or hang out at the milk bar where our friends were when we were young, so too our kids will hang out where their mates are playing. So listen to those parents in the playground. Listen in to which popular apps and games are spoken about in the media. Listen to your child. Ask them what they like to do. Ask them about their concerns or their challenges. You may never keep up with every single app or site that your child visits, but if you have a good understanding of the ways kids are using technology and the sorts of things the technology is capable of, then you are in a much better position to help them use it safely and smartly.

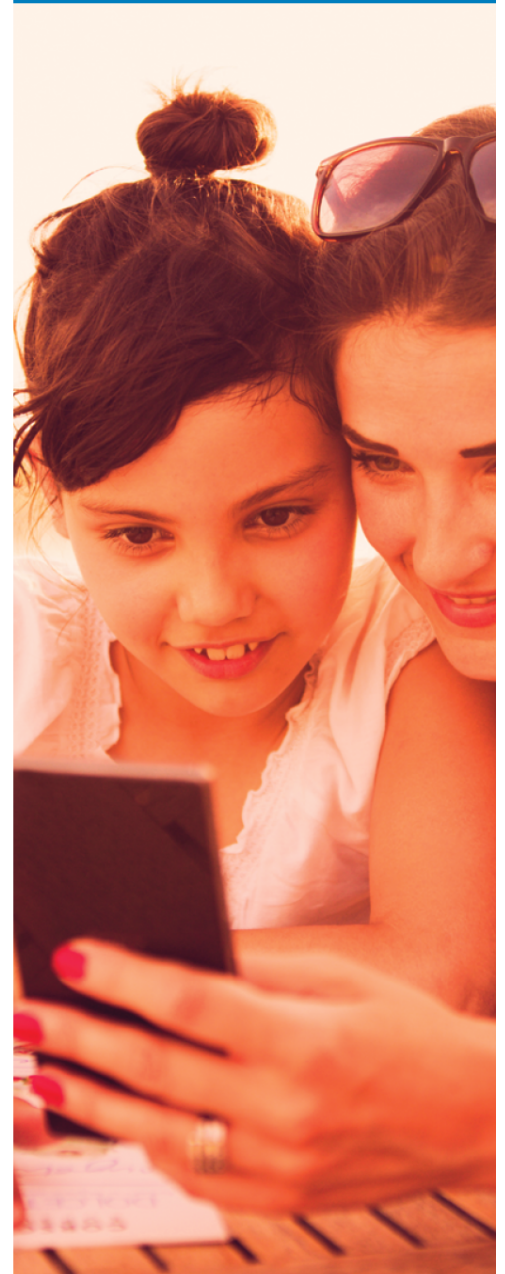
### Be open and honest about what is out there

Whilst there are times we certainly lament the passing of the good old days where screens, and social media were not such an integral part of our lives, we cannot afford to be in denial about the role technology is and will continue to play in the lives

of our children. So rather than shut it down and try to avoid it, we need to be ready to have conversations that we may prefer not to have. We need to know that the average age a child first sees pornography is about 11, so we should understand that this is a very real possibility for our children. So how are we going to prepare them for that? What conversations would we need to have if we suspect this has happened? Because we do want to make sure that the education they are getting comes from us and not from the online world itself.

So seek out knowledge, interact, talk to your kids and put yourself in the best position to remain relevant to your child's world. Be the one they come to should things go wrong. Be the one they come to to share the positive experiences they have online.

Our role as parents is not to shut down the accounts and take away the screens, but rather to ensure we are giving them the skills, the understanding and the thinking to make the very best decisions every time they go online.



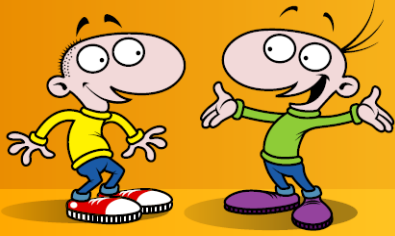
**Martine Oglethorpe** is a speaker, counsellor and educator with a passion for building resilient kids in a digital world. Devices and the online world will continue to play an increasing role in the lives of our families for much of their information, education, entertainment and socialisation. It is imperative therefore, we have the skills, understanding and strategies to help them navigate the challenges and make the most of the opportunities that the technology has to offer. Martine is available for student workshops focused on positive online behaviours, for teacher professional development on how the digital world affects what happens in the classroom and for corporate and parent information sessions. If you would like to book Martine for a presentation or to get more ideas on dealing with the digital world then head to her website [themodernparent.net](http://themodernparent.net). Contact details: [info@martineoglethorpe.com.au](mailto:info@martineoglethorpe.com.au) [themodernparent.net](http://themodernparent.net) [facebook.com/themodernparent](https://www.facebook.com/themodernparent)

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# Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

## Gospel

Mt 10:40-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

Jesus says that by welcoming others, we will be rewarded.

Write down some ways that you can make others feel welcome...



in your home



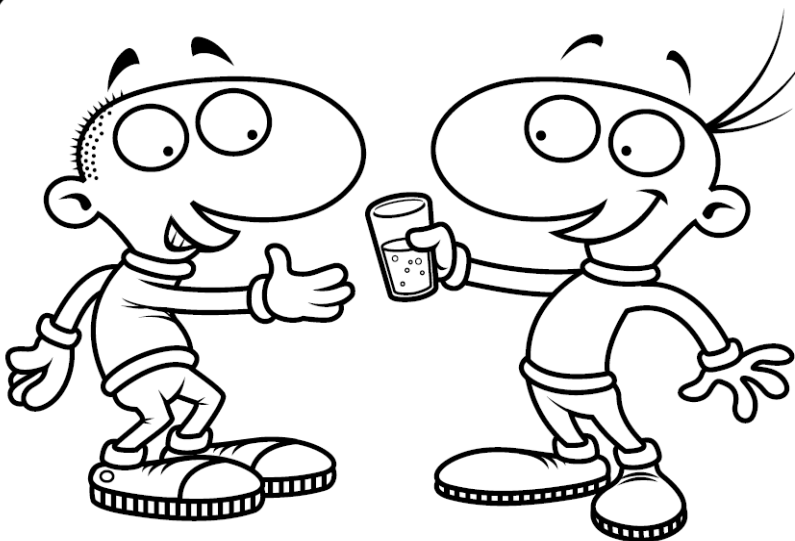
in school



in church

## Complete the Text Maze:

"Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me."



Anyone who gives a disciple of Jesus even a cup of cold water, will not lose their reward.

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