

OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

28 April 2023

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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

School website: www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

Our Lady's is a Child Safe School

'God saw everything he had made, and indeed it was good.' Genesis 1:31

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Fri 5 May: Personalised Learning with Kath Murdoch Thur 11 May Mother's Day Stall

Sun 14 May Mother's Day **Mon 22 May** Athletics Day at Keilor Athletics Track

Tues 23 May 7.00pm PAB Meeting

Sat 27 May P&F Bunnings BBQ

Mon 29 May 2.10pm Parent Dance Class with Andy

Wed 7-Thur 15 June Life Ed Van at school

Mon 12 June King's Birthday Public Holiday

Wed 21 June 3.30-6.00pm Three Way Learning Conversations

Thurs 22 June 8.00-3.30pm Three Way Learning Conversations

Fri 23 June End of Term 2 at 1.00pm

SACRAMENTS

Sun 7 May: 10.30am Eucharist for Year 4

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Sun 21 May: 10.30am Eucha-

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Thur 24 Aug: 7.00pm Confir-

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PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS - PUPIL FREE DAYS

Fri 5 May: Personalised Learning with Kath Murdoch Thur 22 Jun: Three Way Learning Conversations Fri 28 Jul: RE with Maria

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Mon 6 Nov: Report Writing

Dear Parents,

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Welcome back to Term 2. This week during the play breaks the children have been able to enjoy some lovely sunny Autumn days and many of the trees in our school look stunning in their autumn colours. It was wonderful to see the students walking through the school gates with happy smiles on Monday. All classroom programs have begun as well as all specialist classes (Art, Italian, Digital and Design Technology and PE).

We have changed the starting time for our Friday Online Assemblies which will now begin at 2:40pm and finish at 3:00pm.

I hope you enjoyed this week's special ANZAC Day assembly which was hosted by the students of Year 6A. Thank you to 6A for preparing this wonderful tribute to all service men and wom-



A big thank you to the Parents and Friends who raised \$790 from the sales of the second hand uniforms and \$1440 from the Easter raffle. Combined this comes to a total of \$2230. This money will be added to the funds we have already collected to build a new playground for our students.

Easter Raffle raised \$1440! Congrats to all the winners.

TERM 2 PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS FOR STAFF - PUPIL FREE DAYS

Fri 5 May: Personalised Learning with Kath Murdoch

Thur 22 Jun: Three Way Learning Conversations (only need to come for your appointment time)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

Mon 12 June - King's Birthday



Psalm of Joy

Our God is an awesome God. We praise God's name.
Shout joyfully to God, all you on earth;
sing of his glorious name;
give him glorious praise.

Say to God: "How awesome your deeds!... All on earth fall in worship before you; they sing of you. Sing of your name!"

Come and see the works of God, awesome in the deeds done for us.

Psalm 66:1-5



Building Update

During the school holidays much communication occurred between MACS (Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools) who is the governing body for all Catholic schools, our architects (Clarke Hopkins Clarke) and myself. It was very important for us to meet and work through the complexities of moving this pro-



ject forward. We were able to negotiate to keep the fencing around the building site and also the sheds. This was a relief.

At the moment I cannot take the Lloyd signs down until all the legalities are finalised. I feel very much supported by the MACS Capital Works team and the project manager and I feel confident about proceeding and getting this building completed.

I am also happy to let you know that we will be able to carry out the scheduled sewerage works as they will be carried out by a sub-contractor who has agreed to continue the work. Sewerage works are scheduled to start in early May and will take approximately 5-6 weeks to complete. We hope that by the end of this work we will have a new builder assigned to the project.

I will keep you informed about the sewerage works and whether they will impact on parking in Station Place. At this stage this still needs to be clarified. I would like to thank the Our Lady's parent community for your ongoing understanding and support. We will be introducing some new outdoor activities for the children to enjoy during the play breaks.

School Crossing Update

As you may be aware the lights at the school crossing were not working earlier this week. This was due to a car that lost control and smashed into a pole and also into Father Peter's fence on the other side of the road during the school holidays. The Brimbank City council have put up new poles so that Sally our crossing lady can put up the flags to alert drivers that they need to slow down as they approach the crossing.



If you are a parent who uses the crossing to take your child/children to school

please make sure you do not step onto the crossing before Sally has stepped onto it and blown her whistle to indicate that it is now safe to cross. On Monday while I was manning the crossing I stepped onto it with the stop sign and still a car ignored this and went straight through the crossing.

Please be extra vigilant while the lights are not working. Vic Roads are responsible for fixing the lights and I will be ringing them to highlight the urgent need for them to resolve this problem.

Reminder about next Friday 5 May

Another reminder that there is **no school for the children next Friday 5 May** as the staff are having a Professional Learning Day with Kath Murdoch to further our learning about Personalised Learning.



Get Your \$250 Power Saving Bonus

To help with the cost of living ahead of winter, the hugely popular \$250 Power Saving Bonus has been brought back to help Victorians get the best deal on their power bills.

If you have previously received the Power Saving Bonus before, you can again from March 24.

All you need is your electricity bill to apply.

To get your free \$250 payment now, visit https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au/ now.



School Uniform

For the first two weeks of this term students can still choose to wear their Summer uniform as we are transitioning into the cooler weather. The children will be expected to be wearing their school winter uniforms from Monday 8th of May onwards.

If you are considering a new coat for your child this Winter, please remember that it is our preference to have either plain navy blue or black. Navy coats with warm polar fleece lining are available at the Uniform Shop or via the QKR App and can be worn when children are outside only. They are not to be worn instead of the jumper, or in the classroom.

No leggings should be worn, girls should be wearing navy tights only under their tunics. These are sold for your convenience in our uniform shop which is a not for profit service that the school provides to parents. We do not allow the children to wear hoodies to school, nor do we allow logos that advertise brands. The children should be wearing black leather shoes as a part of their uniform and runners only on the day that they have sport. Cargo pants are not part of our uniform.

No jewellery other than small studs or sleepers or a simple necklace with a religious medallion or cross should be worn

Parents, please make sure that you purchase the correct Our Lady's school uniform as I have noticed that there are many variations being worn and our school is beginning to look untidy as a result. A uniform reflects the pride we have in our school and is an important part of our school identity. We want to project pride in our school by making sure that all children are wearing the correct school uniform. I ask all parents to support the school in this endeavour. Please feel free to come and discuss with me any issues you may have in regards to the school uniform. I am always happy to discuss these with you.

In loving memory of Fr John Maher OMI

Today we remembered Father John Maher OMI with a great deal of fondness and love. Twelve years ago Father John Maher OMI who belonged to the Oblates of Mary Immaculate order and was our Parish Priest at the time, passed away into eternal life on 28 April 2011. Father John served at Our Lady's Parish as Parish Priest and School Chaplain from 2009-2011. Although Father John was at our Parish for a relatively short time he made a deep and everlasting impact on all those of us who were fortunate enough to know him.



Father John was instrumental in the building of the St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Library and we have named the Auditorium in his honour as Father John loved the theatre. I will always remember Father John's beautiful smile, love of good food and his serene and gentle ways. I ask you all to join with me and pray that Father John is now peacefully resting in Christ's loving embrace.



Yours sincerely,
Patrizia Bertani

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Principal
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FJ: Dann J

1K: Thomas N

1L: Lanchi T

2N: Samara S

3E: Catherine M, Hniang Ku C

3F: Van C, Catherine N, Makuei M

4G: Tling Za R 4H: Quentin S

5C: Scarlett D, Annie Rose S

Staff: Ms Karen, Mrs Ross, Mrs Gardy



WINTER UNIFORM AT OUR LADY'S

All items (except shoes) now available on the QKR App.

School jumper

Shirt or Skivvy (NOT pale blue polo)

Long navy trousers (NOT yoga style or cargo) or

Tunic

Navy Tights (not black)

School socks

Black shoes/boots (NOT runners)

Navy spray jacket for OUTSIDE ONLY -

NOT TO BE WORN INSTEAD OF JUMPER



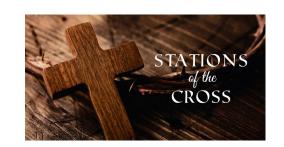
SPORT

School crested yellow polo

School crested windcheater

Trackpants



































JUNIOR FOOTBALL U12 GIRL PLAYERS WANTED





JUNIOR WATER POLO TRAINING

Calling all kids aged 8 - 16 years BRING A FRIEND

Come along and give it a go - learn the basics, then put your skills into action in a game!

THE DETAILS:

Where: Victorian University Pool Footscray **When:** Sundays commencing 30 April 2023

Time: 1:00pm to 2:00pm **Cost:** First 2 sessions FREE

\$50 per term



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INSIGHTS

That's leadership thinking!



My father used to tell me that to be a good footballer I needed to look like a footballer. He always made sure I played with my socks pulled up, boots clean and football jumper tucked in. His attitude was I should at least look the part.

Fast forward a few generations and Dad would probably tell me today that if I wanted to be a footballer I should think like a footballer. His thinking would be right because any significant skill development usually comes before a positive mindset, or at least, a mindset that captures the essence of what's required.

This mindset concept is easily applied to many areas of parenting and family life, including leadership, which is required in school, at work, in the community and in family life. Thinking like a leader comes before leadership action so attending to a child or young person's mindset lays the foundation to real leadership.

The following mindsets are good starting points for developing leadership mindsets in the next generation.

Be accountable

The mark of true leadership whether for adults or young people is the willingness to take responsibility and be accountable for your actions. Responsibility and accountability are features that great leaders share, so encourage children and young people to accept personal responsibility for their actions, learn from their mistakes and avoid making excuses when things go wrong. For this to happen parents and teachers need to forgive their mistakes and poor decisions so that they feel they can take responsibility without fear of harsh retribution.

Plan ahead

Thinking about what needs to be done, planning ahead and managing time are skills that enable many young people to become effective leaders. The ability to think ahead, strategise and figure out a plan may sound like corporate-speak but it's something that kids of all ages can accomplish. We can plant the planning seed by encouraging them to think ahead and set aside some time to plan before tackling any activity – whether it's a homework project, resolving conflict with a sibling or asking for an increase on their allowance.

Work together

The ability to form, maintain and work in teams is a central leadership capacity. Teamwork refers to a range of skills, including problem solving, working with others, listening and following that enable a team to work towards one purpose. All children are capable of working together, although introverts and pubescent teens can struggle to work collaboratively. Sow the seeds of teamwork by encouraging kids to support their siblings and friends when they struggle and to accept everyone in games and activities.

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Tune in

Emotional intelligence is an essential set of skills that unfortunately many leaders lack. Emotional smarts allows leaders to communicate effectively, relate well and resolve problems when they arise. Develop your child's emotional intelligence by encouraging them to tune in to and regulate their own emotions, and tune into the emotions of others. Help them see behind the behaviour of others and discover the emotions that may be driving behaviour. For instance, a sibling's aggressive behaviour may be driven by anger, annoyance or even sadness.

In closing

Leadership thinking requires kids to be accountable for their actions, plan ahead rather than act rashly, be open to working with others, and to tune into their own emotions and the emotions of those around them. These are mindsets worth nurturing using the tools of modelling, overt teaching (particularly with secondary school students) and providing plenty of descriptive, encouraging feedback.



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.

Gospel

Jn 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice.

They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come

so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

Jesus is our good shepherd and we know that we must follow him. What are some of the things our shepherd has told us to do?

A thief has stolen some letters from the passage of text below. Use these letters to discover something that Jesus said to his disciples.



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