



## OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

14 April 2016

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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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*Luke 10:25-37 The Parable of the Good Samaritan "Who is my neighbour?"*

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### **Mon 11 Apr**

Start of Term 2 at 8.45am

#### **Tues 12 Apr**

7.00-8.30pm Susan McLean  
(Cyber Safety Solutions)  
Parent Information Evening  
in the Auditorium

#### **Wed 20 Apr**

Grades 3&4 Camp Night  
3.15-7.30pm

#### **Fri 22 Apr**

Professional Learning for  
Staff (First Aid & Emergen-  
cy Management) - **No  
school for the children**

#### **Mon 25 Apr**

ANZAC Day - Public Holiday

#### **Wed 27 Apr**

Michael Ymer Parent Ses-  
sion 7.00-8.30pm

#### **Mon 2 May**

School Review focused

**School Closure Day - No**

**school for the children**

#### **Thurs 5 May**

Mother's Day Stall

### Sacraments

#### **Wed June 8**

Parent Eucharist Meeting  
7.8pm

#### **Sun 24 July**

10.30am Eucharist 4H

#### **Sun 31 July**

10.30am Eucharist 4G

#### **Wed 3 Aug**

Parent Reconciliation Meeting  
7-8pm

#### **Wed 31 Aug**

Parent Confirmation Meeting  
7-8pm

#### **Thurs 8 Sept**

7.00pm First Reconciliation

#### **Fri 11 Nov**

7.00pm Confir-  
mation



Dear Parent,

Welcome back to Our Lady's school community! We hope that you have all had a very happy and blessed Easter and had an opportunity to be with your families and friends. This first week of school has been a week filled with great learning opportunities for all members of our school community: children, staff and parents.

The staff have had Pauline Zappulla (Educational Consultant) working with them with a focus on building effective teams. The planning teams at Our Lady's are very hard working and dynamic. As we are always focused on improvement we are refining and improving the effectiveness of our practice in order to improve the organisation and delivery of the curriculum for all students.

The children at our school were very focused on their learning from day one of Term 2. I would like to congratulate you all for making such a positive start. The staff of Our Lady's School have a deep commitment to nurturing children in the Catholic faith within our contemporary world. The pedagogy for the school has as its basis the development of a culture of thinking and a Faith and Life Inquiry Approach to learning and teaching that endeavours to empower children to be life long learners. **Please remember to visit your child's class site each week to keep in touch with what they are learning about at school.**

Each term we have a whole school scripture that we explore deeply with our students. This term it is:

**Luke 10:25-37 The Parable of the Good Samaritan**  
**"Who is my neighbour?"**

**'Never see a need without doing something about it' (Mary MacKillop 1871)**

You may like to have a conversation with your child about this term's scripture passage to support your child in developing a deeper understanding of what it means to be a 'good neighbour'.

This week the parents were offered an opportunity to learn more about Cyber Safety and how to keep their children safe while using the internet. The Parent Information evening was facilitated by Susan McLean who had a deep wealth of knowledge and experience. The feedback from the parents who attended was very positive.



### PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

*God created all people. We are loved by God.*

Thank you, God, for the gift of all people, all cultures, all nations. Thank you for your love for each of us. Help us to remember that our differences enrich our world and our lives. Be with all of us so that we may work together for the good of all people. Amen





# *Discovery Learning in Foundation, Year 1 and 2*



Discovery Learning promotes the development of:

Creativity

Inquiry Skills

Oral Language

Thinking Skills

Problem Solving

Collaborative Skills



## Current Families - Foundation 2017

If you are current family with a child to begin Foundation in 2017 please make sure that you have picked up an enrolment pack from the front Office, filled in the enrolment form, handed it back to the office and made an appointment for an enrolment interview.

Next week I will begin the process of interviewing families who are wishing to enrol their children into Foundation for 2017. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated as our numbers are growing and we want to ensure we have a place for current families.

## School Tours

Tuesday May 17 we have our school tours operating throughout the day. We invite all new families to view the school while the classes are running as normal (during the day) so that they get a more accurate picture of the type of learning environment the school offers. The tours will operate at the following times: 9:30am, 12 o'clock and 2:15pm.

## Label your items

Please label all drink bottles, plastic food containers and all clothing. It is much easier to return items to their rightful owners if items are labelled. Please talk to your children about the importance of looking after and being mindful about where they put their jumpers in particular.

**The Lost Property box is situated in the main office building. All lost property is placed into this box.**



As the weather is variable students can continue to wear either summer or winter uniform throughout April.

Please choose according to the weather conditions.

The children are required to wear their hats throughout April as advised by the SunSmart Association.

**We will move to wearing full winter uniform from Tuesday May 3.**

## Some interesting points from Susan McLean's Cyber Safety presentation evening.

- Cyber space is a public space.
- Nothing can be totally deleted - your content is permanently online.
- You are never anonymous online.
- You always leave a digital footprint.
- Manners are important on the internet.
- Passwords must never be shared.
- There is no such thing as a safe website or app.
- Anyone can be anyone online.
- There are laws in cyberspace.

**Visit the ICT Class Site for more information.**

**Use the link below to go straight there:**

<https://sites.google.com/a/olsunshine.catholic.edu.au/olps-ict/>

Yours sincerely,

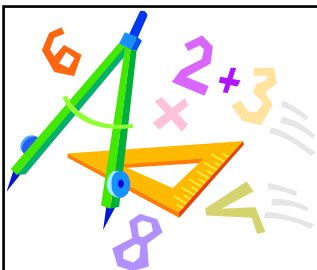
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**Ms Patrizia Bertani**

**Principal**

*principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au*





# Maths for Parents!

Our Lady's Primary School - Mary MacKillop Library

**Wednesday 27th April**

**7.00-8.30 pm**

**Presenter: Michael Ymer**



Michael Ymer is a specialist mathematics consultant from Melbourne, Australia. He is involved in many Professional Development programs in schools across Australia and Asia. Michael worked at our school in May last year with great success and we are having him back again to provide coaching sessions to our staff and parent community.

Michael is an enthusiastic and entertaining presenter who has a clear and practical approach to the challenges that confront schools and parents in mathematics. On this evening Michael will address the following issues

- What is my child learning in mathematics?
- How can I help my child become an efficient problem solver?
- How do children best learn mathematics?
- How can parents promote quality thinking and learning?
- How can I help my child in mathematics?

He will model a range of learning tasks that promote mental computation and mathematical thinking.

I recommend this evening to all parents as a very worthwhile session that will help you understand the focus of mathematics in schools today. The session will offer strategies and ideas to help you support your young mathematicians.

Regards,

*Christine Carabott*

Deputy Principal & Numeracy Leader

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## Parents Mathematics Evening Reply

Eldest Child's Name and Class \_\_\_\_\_

I/We wish to attend the Mathematics Evening on Wednesday 27th April.

Names for name tags

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Alternatively, please email [ccarabott@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ccarabott@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au)

with your RSVP and names of people attending.

Look forward to seeing you on the night!



# Meditation at OLS



Meditation is to allow God's mysterious and silent presence within us to become more and more not only a reality, but the reality in our lives; to let it become that reality which gives meaning, shape and purpose to everything we do, to everything we are. -JOHN MAIN

Prayer is integral to our daily life at school and children experience prayer in many different forms: thanks, petition, praise, song, quiet reflection and traditional prayers of the Catholic faith. The practice of Meditation in the Christian tradition has been around since the Middle Ages and whilst it has mostly been associated with monks and contemplative religious orders, it is now being 'revived' and practised more widely. The latest buzz word is "Mindfulness" and there are many groups, apps, and courses being offered to improve our wellness and counteract the stresses of 21stC living. As Catholics/Christians or other faiths who believe in God we already have centuries of this tradition to draw on and it's timely to embrace it in our school as regular practice. Although many classes do already include meditation in their prayer rituals, we are taking it further to make it a regular, consistent whole school practice.

**Laurence Freeman OSB**, a Catholic priest and Benedictine monk, is the Director of The World Community for Christian Meditation. He states:

*We need silence for our psychological health as well as for our spiritual growth. With television, personal stereos and the traffic noise in modern cities, silence is becoming more and more difficult to experience. Learning to be silent at the times of meditation teaches us to "pray" at all times. It teaches us also to use every delay or frustration in daily life as an opportunity, indeed a gift, to go deeper, to learn to listen, to wait in our new-found silence. Silence is truthful. It is healing. It pacifies our inner turmoil. It is the cure for destructive anger, anxiety and bitterness. In silence we learn the universal language of the Spirit.*

*Silence in prayer, as between two people, is a sign of trust and acceptance. Without the capacity to be silent, we are unable to listen to another person. In its essence, silence is nothing less than worship in spirit and truth. So, it is not just the absence of noise. Silence is a whole attitude of being, of relating, and an openness to the mutual knowing and interbeing which is love.*

*Stillness: One of the psalms says "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). Stillness does not mean a state of inertia or death. To know God is to be fully alive. Stillness is the balance of all the many forces and energies that make up a person - physical, mental and spiritual. As with silence, stillness has both an exterior and an interior dimension. Stillness has nothing to do with the holding in, the blocking or the repression of movement or action. It is the fulfilment of all movement and action. In prayer we need to come to physical stillness. This is the first step of the inner journey to God at the centre of our being.*

*Extract from Christian Meditation: Your Daily Practice by Laurence Freeman*

We will be introducing whole school meditation in week 4 and it will involve students and all staff including specialists and office staff. The sessions will be of about 5mins duration and begin straight after lunch 2:20 – 2:25 pm. Therefore it is imperative that there are no interruptions at this time (no phone calls etc.). I am really looking forward to this initiative and am confident it will contribute positively to our learning and school culture.

Peace and blessings,

Halina Lipski

Religious Education Leader



For your interest: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o\\_Pa5jwG6Kk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_Pa5jwG6Kk)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UXuxfrnL1EQ>



# Engaging with Place

A FREE playgroup for children  
aged 0-5 years

- \* *Engaging with Place* is a facilitated playgroup for children aged 0-5 years and their families
- \* Children will learn through play based experiences that will take place in their local community environments
- \* *Engaging with Place* is facilitated by a qualified Early Childhood or Primary Teacher, and preservice teachers from Victoria University.



**Where:** Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish Primary School  
32 Station Place  
Sunshine 3020

**Phone:** 9312 2230

**Time:** 9.00 - 10.00 am

**Dates:** Tuesdays in Term 2  
19<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
26<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016  
10<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
17<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Hope to see you there!

**YMCA Healthy Kids OSHC**  
**Our Lady's Primary**  
**PROGRAM AT A GLANCE**



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**Email us: [ourladysoshc@ymca.org.au](mailto:ourladysoshc@ymca.org.au)**  
For any **Account Information** please call our office on: **8371 0500**  
**[www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au](http://www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au)**

DAY	ACTIVITY	AFTERNOON TEA
MONDAY	Lego, fun art & craft activity using pop sticks	Salada with spread, custard
TUESDAY	Kids choice art and craft activities ,soccer, cricket	Bread sandwich
WEDNESDAY	Hama beads-create your own pattern, soccer/cricket, playground	Rice cakes
THURSDAY	Autumn collage , cricket, soccer	Noodles
FRIDAY	Making play dough-it's fun!, soccer, playground	Cruskits

Dear Families,

**Welcome back to Term 2.Hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe Easter break.**

**No after school care on 22<sup>nd</sup> April due Professional Learning for school staff.**

**No after school care on 2<sup>nd</sup> May due to School Closure day.**

2016 enrolments are open now and you can fill the enrolment forms online from our website, [www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au](http://www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au) before your child attends the session.

For more information please contact our staff at Our Lady's School from 2:45 p.m-6:00 p.m.

For all accounts queries please contact our office.

Our office email address is [Childrensservices.vic@ymca.org.au](mailto:Childrensservices.vic@ymca.org.au) ,PH- 8371 0500.

Our school email address is [ourladysoshc@ymca.org.au](mailto:ourladysoshc@ymca.org.au) , PH-0401 700 401

If you or someone else is picking up your child (children) early on your behalf and if you child/ren are not attending the after school care, please let OSHC coordinator know.

Jesus is our shepherd  
and we follow him

My name is



4th Sunday of Easter, Year C

## Gospel

Jn 10: 27-30

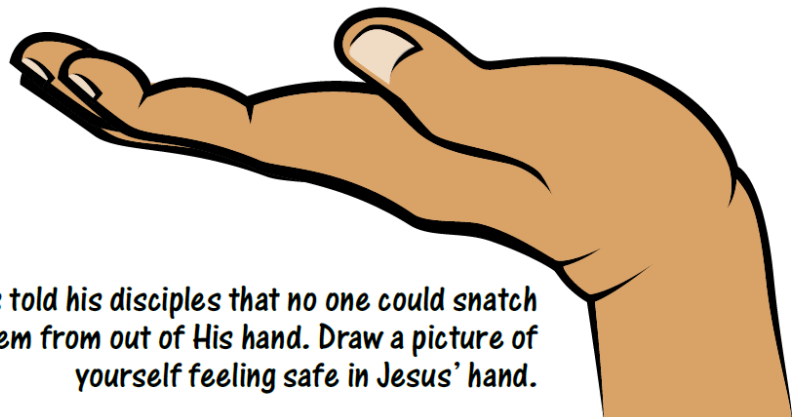
Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to  
me listen to my voice;  
I know them and they  
follow me.

I give them eternal life;  
they will never be lost  
and no one will ever steal  
them from me.

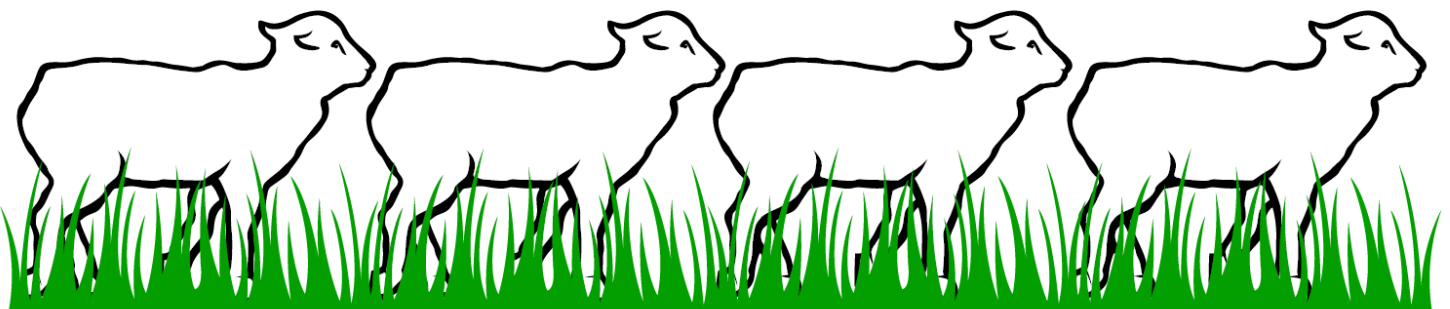
The Father who gave them  
to me is greater than  
anyone,  
and no one can steal from  
the Father.

The Father and I are one.'



Jesus told his disciples that no one could snatch  
them from out of His hand. Draw a picture of  
yourself feeling safe in Jesus' hand.

In each of the sheep, write down the name of someone you know who is a follower of Jesus.



What are some of the ways we can follow Jesus?

