



## OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

12 October 2017

[www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au)

Parish Priest: Fr. Peter-Damien McKinley  
Principal: Ms. Patrizia Bertani  
Parish Mass Times: Saturday 6:00pm  
Sunday 9:00am, 10:30am & 5:30pm  
School Phone: 9312 2230  
School website: [www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au)  
*Our Lady's is a Child Safe School*

*"I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full" John 10*

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Fri 13 Oct**

Parish Movie

**Mon 16 Oct**

Foundation excursion to Bundoor Farm

**Tues 17 Oct**

Parent & Sponsor Confirmation Night with Fr Elio Capra

**Mon 23-Fri 27 Oct**

Missions Week

**Wed 25 Oct**

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

**Fri 27 Oct**

Missions Assembly 2.30pm

Day for Daniel

**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

**Wed 8 Nov**

P&F Meeting 7.00pm

**Fri 10 Nov**

Parish Movie  
Confirmation Prayer Day

**Wed 15 Nov**

7.00pm Parent Advisory Meeting

**Mon 20 Nov-Fri 1 Dec**

Swimming Program

**Wed 6 Dec**

Dream A Little Dream Whole School Performance

### **SACRAMENTS 2017**

Confirmation (Year 6)  
Friday 17 November



Dear Parents,

It was just so wonderful to see the children returning back to school with such happy smiles and enthusiasm. I trust that all families had a good break from the school routine and are ready for Term 4, with its warmer weather and the promise of a little more sunshine. I would like to remind you that the children are to wear their Our Lady's school hats to school this term.

### **Classes for 2018**

At this time of the year the school is making arrangements for 2018. Next week we will begin the process of class compositions for 2018. This process usually takes about a month and a great deal of time and energy goes into the decision-making process. We give the children a voice by asking them to list 5 children they would like to be in their class and we guarantee that each child will have at least one friend that they have listed.

Please take the time to talk to your child about who they will list as their friends and encourage them to think about listing children who will help them to be a better learner in the classroom rather than someone they would like to play with. The class structure for 2018 will not change, we will still maintain two classes for each year level. None of the classes will be composite they will all be straight classes from Foundation to Year 6.

If you have any educational concerns about your child's placement for 2018 you can communicate these to me via email on [principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au) by **Friday 20 October**.

This extensive process ends on Orientation Day when children are placed into their new grades and meet their new teacher. This year Orientation will be on December 18 between 12.00pm and 1.00pm. There will be no changes made after this time. The staff work very hard to make sure that we provide a supportive and engaging learning environment for each child and this process plays a large part in this.

### **EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS!**

Please remember the importance to make sure that your child is at school everyday. It is also very important that children arrive to school on time everyday. Please advise the school if your child is away.



### *Thank You for Light Prayer*

*The gift of light is a great one. God gives us many sources of light.*

God, we thank you for the light in our world. Thank you for making the sun to shine in the daytime. The sun warms us and helps our food grow. The moon and the stars shine at night so that we know you are with us always. The vastness of the night sky helps us to know your glory and power. We praise you for the light you have given us. Amen



## Uniform

As the weather begins to warm up children can now begin to wear their summer uniform to school. We expect all students to be wearing their summer uniform only by Monday 23 October (week 3 of term). Reminder that as a part of our Sun Smart Policy all students must be wearing their school hats each day at snack, lunch and during sport.

## School Uniform - Labelled Lost Items

A number of jumpers and sports windcheaters went missing last term. These items were labelled. Families are asked to check to ensure all uniform pieces are labelled with their child or families name on them. If you have items that belong to others please return them to the Office so that they can be returned to their rightful owners!

## School Fees and Levies

Thank you to those parents who have paid school fees recently. It is important that all fees and levies are paid promptly. If you have not already done so, please contact the office if you are having difficulty paying your fees and levies.

## Promoting Child Safety - A Day for Daniel

On Friday, October 27th, Our Lady's will be participating in the registered event 'A Day for Daniel' which has been organised by the Daniel Morecombe Foundation to help promote and educate children about safety. On this day, students are encouraged to wear something RED which could be a red tee-shirt or red socks. To prepare for this day the students will have participated in a number of 'Child Safety' lessons. These lessons promote and teach students to **Recognise, React and Report** if they find themselves in situations that make them feel unsafe. We encourage you to continue to talk to your child about what they are learning in class.

### THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA

The devastating thunderstorm asthma event in Melbourne during last year's pollen season highlighted the risk for people with underlying breathing conditions.



People with asthma and hay fever were particularly vulnerable. You can help by ensuring your child's Asthma Plan is up to date and the school has an in-date blue reliever puffer and spacer for them in case of an emergency.

### ASTHMA KIDS

Looking for a way to help your child understand more about their asthma or about a friend with asthma? Asthma Kids is an online, interactive tool to help primary school aged children understand what it's like to have asthma and what they can do to help. Check it out at [asthmakids.org.au](http://asthmakids.org.au)



### TERM 4 DATES

**Thurs 14 December** - Grade 6 Graduation

**Wed 20 December** at 3.00pm - Student end of Term 4

**Thurs 21 December** - Professional Learning for Staff (2018 Hand-over) No School for the children

**Friday 22 December** - Staff finish for 2017

### 2018

**Mon 29 January** - Staff return for 2018

**Tues 30 January** - Start of Term 1 for Children 8.45am

Yours sincerely,

*Patrizia Bertani*

**Ms Patrizia Bertani**

**Principal**

[principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au)



**Parent Night with Rev.Dr. Elio Capra**  
**Sacrament of Confirmation**



Dear Parents/Friends,

Rev. Dr Elio Capra is a Salesian Priest and is well known for his knowledge of the Sacraments. He will be presenting an Information Night relating to the Sacrament of Confirmation. Details of the night are as follows:

**7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium on**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

**This meeting is for parents and sponsors only.** Your attendance at this meeting expected if your child is enrolled for the Sacrament of Confirmation as it is an important part of our program.

This night is open to **ALL** interested parents. Whilst it is for the parents of Confirmation candidates, **all** are welcome to come along and be inspired by Dr. Elio.

Please remember though, this is only for adults therefore don't bring your child along.



**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*

## YMCA CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS OSHC PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE



For all **Bookings** and **Cancellations** please call us directly on **0401 700 401**  
Email us: [ourladysoshc@ymca.org.au](mailto:ourladysoshc@ymca.org.au) For any **Account Information** please call our office on: **8371 0500**  
[www.childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au](http://www.childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au)

### Week 1 Monday October 9

DAY	After School Care Activities	Afternoon Tea
<b>Monday Staff: Brad, Hang</b>	<b>Inside:</b> Holiday Stories <b>Outside:</b> Playground and Cricket	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Cheese and Crackers
<b>Tuesday Staff: Brad, Lucette, Hang</b>	<b>Inside:</b> Cooking Cake with Lucette <b>Outside:</b> Playground and Group Games	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Rice Cakes
<b>Wednesday Staff: Brad, Hang, Chelsea</b>	<b>Inside:</b> Naughts and Crosses <b>Outside:</b> Playground and Hopscotch	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Crackers, Dip and Celery
<b>Thursday Staff: Brad, Hang, Jennie</b>	<b>Inside:</b> Create your own Monster <b>Outside:</b> Playground and Football <b>Homework + Readers</b>	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Variety of Biscuits
<b>Friday Staff: Brad, Jennie</b>	<b>Children's Choice:</b> Games, Activities Inside & Out.	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Pop Corn

### Week 2 Monday October 16

DAY	After School Care Activities	Afternoon Tea
<b>Monday Staff: Brad, Hang</b>	<b>Inside:</b> Pen Holder <b>Outside:</b> Playground and Group Games	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Crackers, Dip & Celery
<b>Tuesday Staff: Brad, Lucette, Hang</b>	<b>Inside:</b> Paddle Pop Stick Creations <b>Outside:</b> Playground and Octopus	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Sandwiches
<b>Wednesday Staff: Brad, Hang, Chelsea</b>	<b>Inside:</b> Slime <b>Outside:</b> Playground and Kick Ball	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Variety of Biscuits
<b>Thursday Staff: Brad, Hang, Jennie</b>	<b>Inside:</b> Word Finds <b>Outside:</b> Playground & Capture the Flag <b>Homework + Readers</b>	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Rice Cakes
<b>Friday Staff: Brad, Jennie</b>	<b>Children's Choice:</b> Games, Activities Inside & Out. <b>Cooking Honey Joys with Jennie</b>	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Cheese and Crackers

A variety of seasonal fruit and vegetables are always offered to children for afternoon snack! A variety of arts, crafts, board games, construction, recreational activities, sensory and imaginary play opportunities are available every day for children to choose. **Homework & Home Readers Time** – Our YMCA staff are there to encourage home readers and homework and most days we set aside a time to encourage this! **If you or someone else is picking up your child (children) early from school and they are not attending the after school care, please let OSHC Team know.**

*Please remember children need to bring their school hat (Broadbrim Hat, Bucket Hat or Legionaries Hat) from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> May and sunscreen will need to be applied when playing outside.*

**Bookings and Cancellations:** It is important to book your child's place so we can plan and expect their arrival at After School Care. To ensure the safety of your child please notify us of any absences or additional days of care **via the My Family Lounge Portal** <http://www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au/enrol/my-family-lounge-sign-in.html> As a reminder please note that the cancellation period of 7 days notice applies for all After School Care bookings. For additional information on our program please visit <http://www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au/school-care/our-locations/our-ladys-ps.html> There may be certain circumstances where children receive gifts or prizes throughout the year as part of our advertised programs. These occasions would be advertised on our program planners to provide parents/guardians with prior notification. Occasions where children may receive gifts/prizes as advertised are as follows: last day of school terms, end of year celebrations, designated holiday program days, cultural and festive celebration days and during organised program competitions. **Thank You, Brad and Our Lady's OSHC Team**

### CANTEEN NEWS



Do you have a Working With Children Check and some time spare during the day?

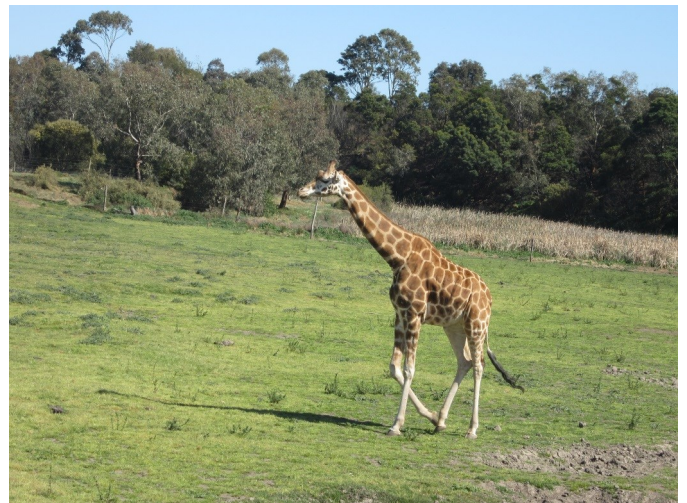
The Canteen would LOVE extra helpers, even just for an hour at lunchtime to help with serving our children.

Please see Geraldine or Nubia in the Canteen if you can help out!!





# Grade 5 at Werribee Zoo







*Building parent-school partnerships*

WORDS Michael Grose

## Tolerance: a vital ingredient for your child's success

Kids who accept differences in others are setting themselves up for success in the world of diversity that they will enter.

Want your child to be successful way past the confines of the school gate?

Then you need to make sure your child is tolerant of individual differences and accepting of children and adults who look and act differently to them.

There's no doubt that success in today's world depends on the ability to understand, appreciate and work with others. The child who is open to differences is likely to have more opportunities in school, in business and in life in general.

### Schools are diverse places

Walk into any school ground in Australia and you'll witness diversity firsthand. You're likely to see children from many different cultural, racial and family backgrounds. You'll also see kids with different needs and diverse ways of expressing themselves. Some kids will wear their hearts on their sleeves, while others will be taciturn and quiet. Tolerant kids are accepting of these differences.

They make friends with children and young people who may look and act differently to them.

### Intolerance breeds bullying

Intolerance, or prejudice, is at the heart of a great deal of the bullying that occurs among children and young people. Kids who look

and act differently or who are more isolated often experience bullying for no apparent reason other than the fact that they are 'different'. Whole-hearted acceptance and even appreciation of differences is a preventative bullying measure that we can all support.

### Tolerance starts at home

Kids learn attitudes such as tolerance from those around them. Children in primary school usually reflect the attitudes of their parents. While adolescents are strongly influenced by their peers, parental attitudes still have a significant impact on their attitudes to other people. In short, if you want your child to be accepting of differences – whether they are racial, cultural, behavioural or in sexual orientation – then make tolerance a family trait.

#### Here's how:

**Help your child feel accepted, respected, and valued.** When your child feels good about himself, he is more able to treat others respectfully.

**Model acceptance.** Kids learn what they live so make sure you welcome differences in others, and be sensitive to cultural or racial stereotypes. It also helps on a practical level to discuss prejudice and stereotypes when they occur in the media.

### Challenge prejudice or narrow-minded

**views.** Sometimes kids, knowingly or unknowingly, can say the cruellest things about others. As a parent respectfully remind your child or young person about the impact that a narrow view can have on his or her own behaviour as well as on those it may be directed towards. Intolerance of diversity is an attitude that parents should make a stand against.

**Answer kids' questions about differences honestly and respectfully.** Teach your kids that it is acceptable to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done with respect.

**Respect individual differences within your own family.** Your ability to accept your children's differing abilities, interests and styles will go a long way towards establishing an attitude of tolerance in the children themselves. By valuing the uniqueness of each member of your family you are teaching your kids to value the strengths in others, no matter how diverse.

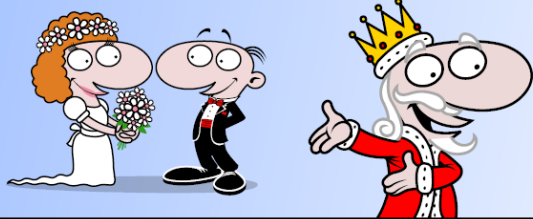
Modern Australia is such a wonderful culturally-rich place. This diversity is part of its magic. One way to make sure our children fully appreciate this richness is to fully embrace tolerance in everything we do.

Michael Grose 



Want more ideas to help you raise confident kids and resilient young people? Subscribe to Happy Kids newsletter, my **FREE** weekly email parenting guide at [parentingideas.com.au](http://parentingideas.com.au). You'll be so glad you did.





# The banquet is ready!

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

## Gospel Mt 22:1-10

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants,

maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants were out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.'

Make a list of all the people you would invite if you gave a banquet.



## BANQUET

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

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____