



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

27 July 2017

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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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Our Lady's is a Child Safe School

"Everything they owned was held in common." Acts 4:32

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 31 July-Tues 1 Aug

First Aid sessions for students

Wed 2 Aug

Grade 1/2 Camp Activities

P&F Meeting

Thurs 3 Aug

100 Days of Foundation

Tues 8 Aug

Feast of St Mary of the Cross

MacKillop - Gold Coin Dona-

tion for Josephs Corner

Wed 9 Aug

School Disco 6.00-7.00pm

Mon 14-Fri 18 Aug

Italian Week

Tues 15 Aug

Feast of the Assumption

Fri 18 Aug

General Learning Walk

Parish Movie

Mon 21-Fri 25 Aug

Book Week - Escape to Every-
where

Mon 21 Aug

Book Week Parade

Wed 23 Aug

Open Doors Grade 3-6 Parent
and Student Evening Session

Fri 25 Aug

Catholic Secondary College
Year 7 2019 Applications close

Wed 30 Aug

Reconciliation Parent Night

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,

Welcome to our second week of school in Term Three. The past two weeks have been quite busy within the Learning and Teaching domain at Our Lady's. Last Friday, the Year 5s were immersed in a 'Billycart Incursion' connecting to their Faith-Life Inquiry Unit. There are some terrific photos included in the following pages where you can see our students in action.

On Monday, we had a very successful Team Colours Day. Students and staff came in a huge assortment of colours supporting different teams, ranging from AFL, soccer, rugby to OLPS house colours. Thank-you to Ms Joanne McManus, our Physical Education leader for organising several learning experiences for our students. The smiles on many of the students faces really says it all as they were so engaged and doing something 'out of the ordinary'. Lots of wonderful photos are included in this newsletter edition!



Tomorrow Kath Murdoch will be returning to our school to continue her work with teachers as we continue on our journey of personalised learning through an inquiry approach. Kath provides rich, relevant and recent research throughout the professional development provided. Kath will also be involved in the Year 3 iTime session tomorrow, which will be quite exciting.

Next Monday and Tuesday, all students from F-6 will be involved in a first aid session which will be facilitated by St. John Ambulance staff. Having first aid knowledge is extremely important, even from a young age. It would be wonderful if you ask your child about what they learnt in their session.



Tomorrow, our mixed netball team and girls netball team will be playing in the interschool sport finals. On behalf of our school community, we wish them all the best!

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/>

Teach Us Prayer

We pray to God to help us. We have much to learn.

We are called to serve others as Jesus was the servant of all. We ask Jesus to teach us how to love. Help us to love others without counting the cost. Help us to listen to other people instead of doing all the talking. Help us to be people of hope and to share that hope with others. Help us to care about others instead of just themselves. Help us to give to others the gifts we have been given to share. We must open our hearts and our lives to the needs of other people in our world. Amen





A huge **congratulations** to Will D (5C) for representing our school in the state cross country final last Thursday. He came sixth in the state finals, which is amazing. In the coming weeks, Will will be participating in the National finals held in Tasmania. He will be competing in an individual race and a relay race. On behalf of our school community, we wish Will all the very best!



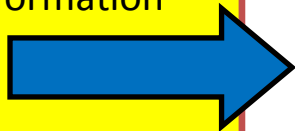
Upcoming events:

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you about some upcoming events:

- ⇒ Wednesday 2nd August—Year 1/2 Camp Night. Please collect your child at 5:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Thursday 3rd August—Foundation 100 Day Assembly commencing at 2:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Wednesday 9th August—Annual School Disco commencing at 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Tuesday 15th August—Community Classroom with an Italian focus 3:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Friday 18th August—General Learning Walk at 9:00a.m.
- ⇒ Monday 21st August— Book Week Parade at 9:00 a.m.
- ⇒ Wednesday 23rd August—Years 3-6 Wonder of Living Enrichment Program for parents and child/ren.
- ⇒ Wednesday 30th August—Reconciliation Parent Night with Maria Forde at 7:00 p.m.

Earlier in the year, we did some work as a staff focusing on what a **positive learning environment** can look like, feel like and sound like. Last term, the students in all classes were involved in sharing their thoughts and we also invited parents to complete a survey at the end of last term. It is important that we have a consistent understanding on positive learning environments so that we are all aware of what it can look like, sound like and feel like in the 21st century. On Friday 18th August, we will be holding a general learning walk for parents to come along and see various learning situations in action. In the coming weeks, I will include an RSVP to allow us to gain an indication of the number of adults attending.

If you are a parent of a child in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6,
Please read the following important information



Wonder of Living Enrichment Program

The second session of the program will be held on Wednesday 23rd August at 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. in the Fr John Maher Auditorium.

The session is for parents and children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

The presenter will facilitate guided conversations between you as parent/guardian and your child/children about:

- How we are special to each other
- Memories of when the child was born
- Parents own early memories
- How parents and other support people can help us when we have a problem or need to know something.

The FAMILY evening will also involve viewing DVD 1 which shows the development and birth of a baby, told as a family story.

REMINDER

Just a reminder to parents that if you need to pick your child early for any reason, you are unable to be in the yard during snack (11.00-11.30am) or lunch (1.25-2.15pm).

Children can be picked up ONLY between 8.45-10.59am, 11.31-1.14pm and after 2.15pm. This is part of the School's Child Safety Policy. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Carabott

Mrs Christine Carabott

Acting Principal

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Congratulations!

Dream A Little Dream News

Congratulations to Kaytlin T (5C) on designing the logo for our School Production! Her work will be seen on the programs, tickets and all our posters advertising 'Dream A Little Dream'!

Well done Kaytlin!



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

For any **Account Information** please call our office on: **8371 0500**

www.childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au

Week 3 Monday 31 June

DAY	After School Care Activities	Afternoon Tea
Monday Staff: Brad, Hang	Inside: Snow Globes Outside: Playground and Group Games	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Cheese and Crackers
Tuesday Staff: Brad, Lucette, Hang	Inside: Playdough Fun Outside: Playground and Relay Races	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Crackers, Dip and Celery
Wednesday Staff: Brad, Hang, Chelsea	Inside: Dream Catchers Outside: Playground and Soccer	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Garlic Bread
Thursday Staff: Brad, Hang	Inside: Hama Beads Outside: Playground and AFL Homework + Readers	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Fairy Bread
Friday Staff: Brad, Jennie	Children's Choice: Games, Activities Inside & Out. Cooking Nachos with Jennie	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Rice Cakes

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 or Legionaries Hat) from 1st September to 1st 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 Before and 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 Before and 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

LOOKING FOR SEWERS.....



This is a 'call out' for any parents, grandparents, friends who may like to assist with the production costumes.

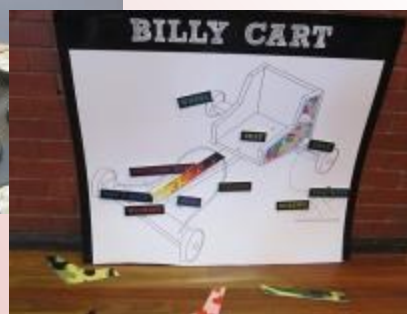
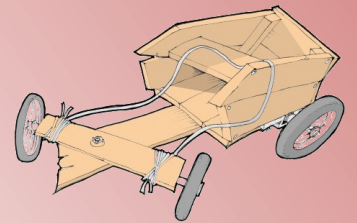
They will not be overly complex patterns!



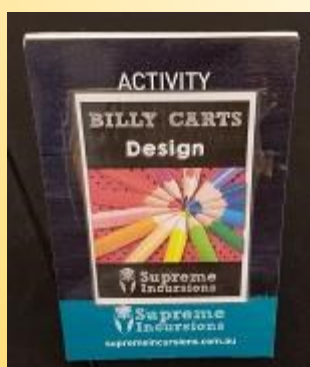
Please send Miss Carmel an email, to let her know you are interested in helping to create some cool costumes for 'Dream A Little Dream'.

cmenzies@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

Year 5 Incursion



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Team Colours Day!





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Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Teach kids to solve problems

When parents solve all children's problems we not only increase their dependency on adults but we teach them to be afraid of making mistakes. That's fertile ground for anxiousness and perfectionism, which often go hand in hand.

Of course, if you keep solving them, they'll keep bringing them. "Mum, my sister is annoying me?" "Dad, can you ask my teacher to pick me for the team?" "Hey, I can't find my socks!"

It's tempting if you are in a time-poor family to simply jump in and help kids out.

Alternatively, you can take a problem-solving approach, cuing them to resolve their own problems and take responsibility for their concerns. "What can you do to make her stop annoying you?" "What's the best approach to take with your teacher?" "Socks, smocks! Where might they be?"

Here are 5 questions you can ask kids to encourage them to resolve their own problems:

1 "Can you solve this yourself?"

Get kids thinking they can do it.

2 "What do you think needs to happen?"

Start kids thinking about solving problems.

3 "What's the first step?"

Sometimes just getting kids started is enough to get them working out issues themselves.

4 "How would you like me to help?"

Get kids considering the type of assistance they need.

5 "What's the best way to do this?"

Get kids assessing and prioritising.

Problem-solving is one of the four major skills (optimism, social skills & independence being the others) that resilient kids share, yet it's the one that many of us aren't equipped to develop. Start by stepping back and asking good questions when kids bring you their problems to solve.

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. You'll be so glad you did.



Finding the hidden treasure

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A


















Gospel

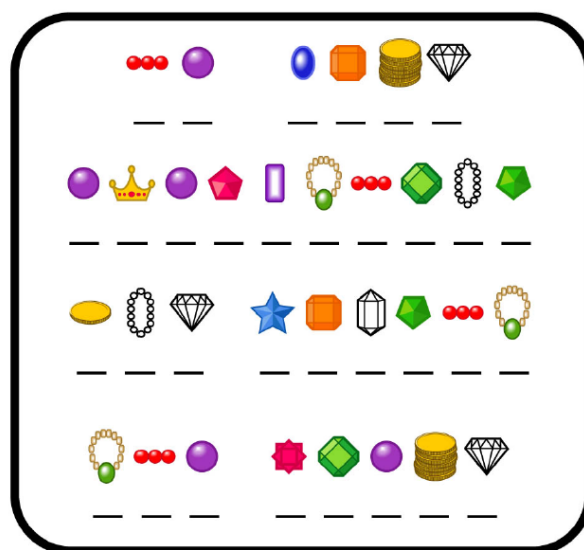
Mt 13:44-46

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

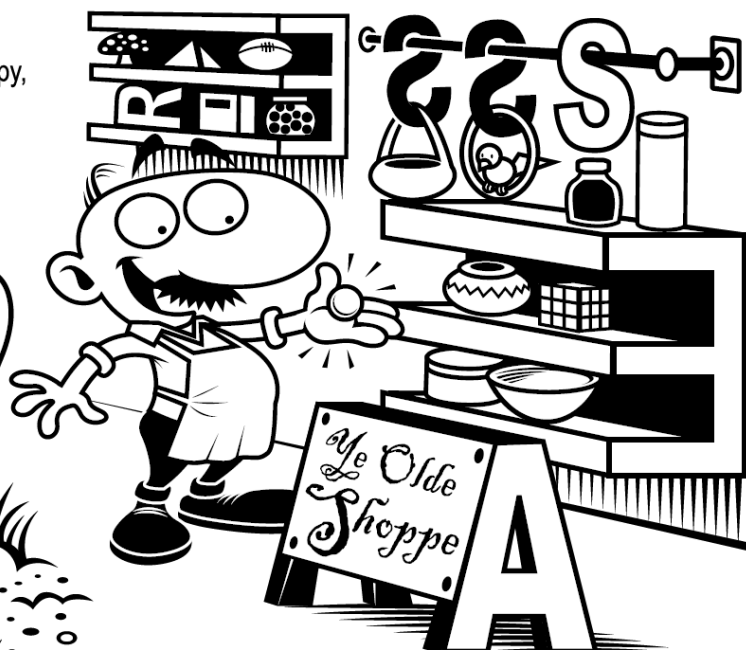
What did the man do after he found the treasure hidden in the field? Use the key below to decipher the code.

A		E		I		R			
B		F		L		S		V	
D		G		N		T		Y	
H		O		U					



Can you find the letters that spell the word **TREASURE** hidden in the picture below?

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field."



"The kingdom of heaven is also like a shop keeper looking for fine pearls. When he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it."