



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2 May 2019

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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
School Phone: 9312 2230
School website: www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

Our Lady's is a Child Safe School

*"The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."
"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me." John 10: 2-5,14*

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Fri 3 May

8.45am P&F Meeting

Wed 8 May

Gr 4 Eucharist Reflection Day

Thurs 9 May

Mother's Day Stall

Sun 12 May

Mother's Day

Tues 14-Thurs 16 May

NAPLAN for Yrs 3 & 5

Thurs 16 May

**Open Day for 2020 Foundation
Tours at 9.30am, 12.00pm,
2.15pm**

Tues 21 May

Whole School Athletics Day
(Keilor Athletics Track)

Mon 10 June

Queens' B'day Public Holiday

Tues 11 June

Professional Learning Day for
Staff (Berry St), No School for
the children

Wed 26 June

Three Way Learning Conversa-
tions 3.30-5.55pm

Thurs 27 June

Three Way Learning Conversa-
tions 8.00am-3.30pm No School
for the children

SACRAMENTS

Sun 26 May

10.30am 4G Eucharist

Sun 2 June

10.30am 4H Eucharist

Thurs 10 Oct

Reconciliation time TBC

Fri 15 Nov

7.00 Confirmation

Dear Parent,

I warmly welcome you back to Our Lady's School. This term has begun in a very positive one already. The focus as always is on improving learning for all students. This week Years 5, 3, 2 and Foundation have participated in incursions and excursions which aim to build on the learning that the students experience in the classrooms. The students engaged in focused, exciting, hands-on learning and I'm sure have gained a deeper understanding as a result of these rich learning opportunities. The teachers across all year levels have focused on making sure they differentiate the learning so that they address the needs of all students. They are supported in doing this by the Literacy Team, Numeracy Leader, RE and Faith-Life-Inquiry Leader, Student Wellbeing Leader and Digital Design Technology Leader, Learning Diversity Leader and the Learning Support Officers. Our staff work collaboratively to provide learning which deeply engages students and supports them all to grow and flourish.

This term the Faith-Life-Inquiry learning will be focused on the concept of Community and how this is expressed via The Arts and Culture. The overarching statement we have developed to capture the learning is:

For the common good of humanity and ourselves, we form communities that have a unique culture, wisdom and knowledge embedded in them. This emerges through stories in our history, Understanding stories through many perspectives and experiences enriches our sense of self within local, national and global communities.

As a community we come together to celebrate our rich diversity and culture through The Arts.

I would also like to thank the parent community for embracing the SeeSaw app by regularly affirming updates and responding to the classroom teacher's posts. I am delighted about how the connection between school, children's learning and the parent community has been strengthened and I thank all parents and staff for embracing this innovation.

In loving memory of Fr John Maher OMI

On Sunday we remembered Father John Maher OMI with a great deal of fondness and love. Eight years ago Father John Maher OMI (who 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 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.



ANZAC Day



We pray for all soldiers, sailors, air pilots, doctors, nurses and ambulance drivers who have died in wars. In a special way, we pray for the souls of the brave men and women from Australia and new Zealand who died at Gallipoli many years ago. We pray for all men and women who travelled far from their country, so that the world could be a more peaceful world. Please God, give their souls rest. Reward them for their bravery. Give them peace. Amen



Learning Walks Initiative



The Learning Walks provide the parent community with an opportunity to learn about how their child learns in a particular area of the curriculum. The parents of 1K viewed a Learning Walk focused on Writing and the parents of 1L viewed a Learning Walk focussed on Mathematics. The parents firstly attended a tuning in session which provided some background knowledge. They then went to the classroom and viewed the lesson after which they participated in a debriefing session where they asked further questions and clarified any aspect of what they had just viewed.

Christine Carabott (Deputy Principal/Student Wellbeing Leader, who led this initiative), Karen Everson (Classroom teacher 1K) and Jennifer Howe (Classroom teacher 1L) organised the Learning Walks as part of an initiative to increase parent voice and participation in the Our Lady's School curriculum. This initiative relates directly to our School Improvement Goal which aims to increase parent voice in the school, deepen parent engagement with their child's learning and create a stronger connection between school and the parent community.

We have been absolutely delighted by the parent response and participation. I have had nothing but positive parent feedback about the Learning Walks. We will be holding further Learning Walks throughout the year across different year levels.

A big thank you to both the staff who organised the Learning Walks and the parents who participated.

This is a great way to strengthen the link between parents and their children's learning.



School Uniform

Thank you to all the parents who have been sending their child/children to school in their Winter uniform. **The children will be expected to be wearing their school winter uniforms from next Monday 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 for \$25.00 and can be worn when children are outside only. They are not to be worn instead of the jumper, or in the classroom.

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**. Unfortunately, I have seen some students wearing cargo pants, these 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

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.

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.

Catholic Education Today

Last term you all received the Term 1 edition of Catholic Education Today. I hope you all noticed Our Lady's School Year 6 Leaders proudly joining the procession of schools with our School Banner at the Mass at St Patrick's cathedral celebrating Catholic Education Week (pictured below).



Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani

Principal

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WINTER UNIFORM AT OUR LADY'S

All items (except shoes) available at the Uniform Shop or on the QKR App. Uniform shop open Mondays 8.30-9.30am and Fridays 2.30-4.00pm

BOYS

Shirt or Skivvy (NOT pale blue polo)

Long navy trousers (NOT cargo)

School jumper

School socks

Black shoes/boots (NOT runners)

Navy spray jacket for OUTSIDE ONLY



GIRLS

Skivvy (NOT pale blue polo)

Long navy trousers (NOT cargo or Yoga style) OR

Tunic

School jumper

Navy tights (NOT leggings)

Black school shoes (NOT runners)

Navy spray jacket for OUTSIDE ONLY



SPORT

School crested yellow polo

School crested windcheater

Trackpants



EXTEND UPDATE.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Let's make play dough	Science quiz	Cooking	Art and crafts	Music and dance

The Extend Superstar is...

Martin... for using positive language, being respectful and assisting others in need of support at all times.

Well done ☆

What's Been Happening?

Children have had a great week, from playing indoor soft ball games and contributing to creating colourful and informative art and craft posters in our room.

We began our friendship tree and have decorated our hand prints to add to our beautiful and meaningful tree. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to come see us.

Have a lovely week and we look forward to your input in planning more fun and rich experiences throughout the term.

Enrol and book now: extend.com.au



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High Tea with Joseph's Corner

Come and join us for a great afternoon!



All funds raised will go to Joseph's Corner.

Where: Mount St. Joseph's Girls College
129-133 Maidstone Street, Altona

When: Sunday 5th May 2019

Time: 2pm – 5pm

Cost: \$30.00 per person

There will be music, raffles, door prizes, guest speakers, party planners, great food and lots more.

Book tickets - on 9315-2680 or Tania - 0439165660



Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.



From 1 May to 25 June or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn



PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Reminders:



Next P&F Meeting is on tomorrow, FRIDAY 3 MAY at 8.45am in the Hall Kitchen.

Mother's Day Stall is on NEXT THURSDAY 9 MAY from 8.45am in Mariana Hall.

We welcome all helpers on the day, just need to wear your Working With Children Check and sign in at the Office.

Remember to pack a 'shopping bag' in your child's school bag so they can hide their purchases until Mother's Day!



GRADE 5 KOROROIT CREEK SUSTAINABILITY EXCURSION

ART NEWS

If anyone has any newspapers that they no longer need, the Art Room would LOVE to have them! They are used to protect the tables and the children's art work during art lessons, and our supply is running out!



You can drop them off at the Art Room on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays.

Many thanks,

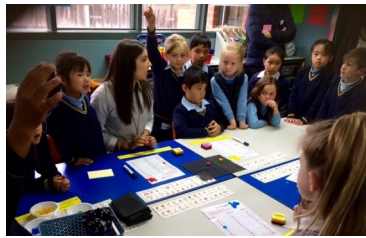
Miss Pina

Art Teacher

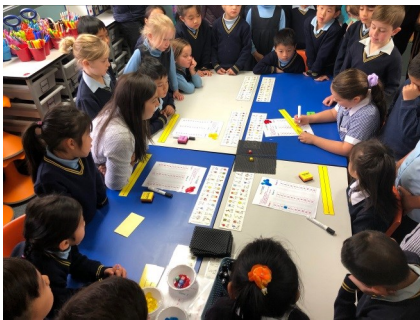


Foundation Dance Incursion





1K & 1L Learning Walks





PINK BALL

SHOOT FOR THE STARS

NEW SKILLS, NEW FRIENDS, LOTS OF FUN

**INDOOR STADIUM
AT VU COMMUNITY
SPORTS STADIUM,
WHITTEN OVAL.**

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expressions of interest visit
westgatebasketball.com.au

WESTGATE PINK BALL PROGRAM FOR GIRLS

Team sports foster friendship and camaraderie, teamwork, respect, a sense of belonging, persistence, patience, resilience and self esteem.

Tailored specifically for girls aged 5–10 years old, Pink Ball offers a place to learn new skills, meet new friends and engage in a way that is non-competitive and fun.

Sessions are run by representative level youth basketball players (females) which provides a positive role model for your daughter to engage with.

Pink shoelaces, pink basketballs and awesome pink singlets – we're making this extra special for our female only participants.

Register now and shoot for the stars!



SHOOT FOR THE STARS



Visit www.westgatebasketball.com.au for more information



★ AUSSIE HOOPS ★

BASKETBALL FOR KIDS 5-10

Westgate Basketball Association, your local association, is running the Aussie Hoops programme for boys and girls 5-10 years old. Sessions are run at the indoor stadium at either VU Community Sports Stadium, Whitten Oval, or RecWest Footscray (Cnr Essex and Market Streets), with skill sessions, fun drills and friendly games.

The sessions are run by our qualified youth basketball coaches and give kids a terrific grounding in the fundamental skills for the game.

Come along, make new friends and see your kids take their first steps in basketball. It's safe, inclusive, indoors and played all over the world.

Sessions are run on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons, Saturday or Sunday mornings, and they'll be smiling for days!



Register Now!
and see you on court

For further details on times and dates, prices and registration, please visit our website:

www.westgatebasketball.com.au



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OF THE YEAR

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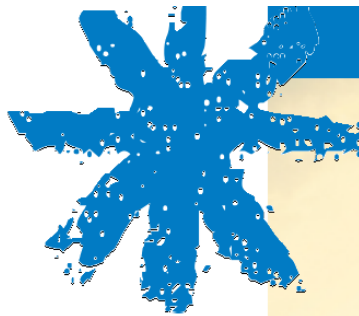
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Help your child achieve

by Michael Grose

One way to help your child achieve at school is to work together with your child's teacher. The parent-teacher partnership takes work from both sides to become a reality. Here are some ideas that will help.

There's no doubt that the best outcomes for kids happen when teachers and parents work together to support children's learning. Here are 10 ways you can work with your child's teacher to maximise your child's chances of school success.

1. Know what your child's teacher is trying to achieve

Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child's teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child's class.

2. Keep your expectations reasonable and positive

If your expectations are too high your teacher may give up. Too low and they will meet them! The trick is to keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Also be realistic about what your child's school can deliver. Sometimes our expectations of schools are not in line with their capabilities or their roles.

3. Support your teacher's expectations & activities at home

One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.

4. Send kids to school ready to learn and on time

Maximise your child's chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It's estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school a year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.

5. Inform teachers of your child's challenges and changes

Life's not always smooth sailing for kids. Family circumstances can alter. Friends move away. Illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child's teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.

parenting * ideas

6. Skill children to work with others

Schools are social places requiring children to work and play with each other much of the time. Teaching manners to kids, as well as encouraging them to share their time, space and things with others are practical ways to help kids with their social skills. Talk through any social challenges they may have, helping them develop their own strategies to get on with others.



7. Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties

Resist the temptation to solve all your children's problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

8. Participate fully in class & school activities

There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child's schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve his learning then take an interest in his learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child's teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

9. Trust your teacher's knowledge, professionalism and experience

Your child's teachers are your greatest allies. Their training, their experience around kids, and their objective professionalism puts them in a strong position to make judgement calls about your child.

10. Talk up what happens at school

Your child will take their cues from you about how they see their school. If you want your child to value learning, and enjoy their time at school then you need to support your school and make sure he or she hears positive messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. You can set a strong educational agenda at home by talking up your school.



This type of 10-point plan is easy to read but hard to put into practice, particularly when you get busy or your child has significant difficulties. Choose two or three ideas from this list to really focus on in the coming year and you'll find that the rest will fall into place. Good luck and nurture the partnerships you have with your child's teachers.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books for parents including Thriving! and the best-selling Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It, and his latest release Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children. A trailblazer in the parenting and educational scenes Michael regularly appears in the media throughout Australia in programs including The Project, The Today Show and ABC radio.



3rd Sunday of Easter, Year C

Gospel Jn 21:1-14

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It

is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

Jesus asked his disciples to let down their nets and they were rewarded. What are some things that Jesus asks us to do? How are we rewarded?

Help Peter swim to shore to be with Jesus.

