



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

Truly I tell you, just as you did it to the least of these....you did it to me'

Matthew 25:40



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Fri Oct 14

Parish Movie

Sat 22 Oct

Shopping Tour

Mon 31 Oct

Professional Learning Day for
Staff (Report Writing) - No
School for the children

Tues 1 Nov

Melbourne Cup Day Public
Holiday

Wed 2 Nov

RESCHEDULED: Open Doors
Parent/Student health session

Fri 4 Nov

Parish Movie

Fri 11 Nov

Glee Club presents 'Mary Pop-
pins' 11.30am, 12.10pm,
12.45pm Auditorium

Fri 2 Dec

Parish Movie

Sacraments

Fri 11 Nov

7.00pm Confirmation

END OF YEAR

Wed 14 Dec

End of Year Mass 9.00am

End of Term 4 for children at
3.00pm

2017

Tues 31 Jan

School starts for children for 2017

Dear Parents,

This week there have been many exciting learning excursions that students from across year levels have participated in. On Monday, Father Peter, Mrs Carabott and myself went to visit our Year Five students who were on camp at Sovereign Hill. It was obvious from the first moment we arrived that the children were having a great time. They had opportunities to experience what life was like on the goldfields and I would say their favourite activity was panning for gold. Father Peter joined in with the activities and was very impressed by the children's behaviour. We were very grateful that Father Peter was able to take time out of his busy schedule to join us. I would like to thank all the staff who took care of the children while on camp: Ms Jo McManus, Mr Steve Cozzi, Mrs Toni Balbata, Mrs Stephanie Di Sante, Miss Michelle Drought and particular thanks to Mr Tim Wickham who organised the camp.

On Wednesday twenty-one of our Year Six students participated in the AFL Multicultural cup with other schools from the Western Region and the Foundation students had a fun-filled time interacting with the farm animals at Bundoora Farm.

A special prayer space in the St Mary MacKillop Library for our whole school community.

Ms Lipski has created a prayer net in the St Mary MacKillop Library for anyone in our school community to go to and pray. The idea of a prayer net originated in English cathedrals. The idea has spread around the world and we here at Our Lady's are also joining in.

"A piece of yarn tied to this net expresses the prayer of your heart without speaking a word. By rituals like this, we come closer to the Holy Spirit who prays within us 'with sighs too deep for words.'"

When you come to the prayer net you can tie a piece of wool on the net as a symbol of your prayer. Our prayer net will be a concrete example of our living faith.

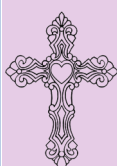
Prayer Net



Jesus' first followers were fishermen. Jesus called them to leave their nets and follow him. Immediately they left their nets and followed Jesus.

Why not take a piece of yarn and tie it into the net as a symbol of your renewed determination to follow Jesus?

Return as often as you'd like to tie a piece of yarn as a symbol of a prayer. It can express the prayer of your heart without speaking a word. By rituals like this, we can come closer to the Holy Spirit who prays within us "with sighs too deep for words."



Psalm of Thanksgiving

We give thanks for all God has done. We praise God's faithfulness.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to your name, Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning, your faithfulness in the night.

For you make me jubilant, Lord, by your deeds; at the works of your hands I shout for joy.

How great are your works, Lord! How profound your purpose!

Psalm 92: 1-3, 5-6



Staff Handover Day and Preparation for the 2017

The last day of school for students is on Wednesday 14 of December. The staff will be at school on the 15 and 16 of December, involved in professional learning and making preparations for the 2017 school year. In order to support those parents who are working we will be offering Whole day school care on the school premises via the YMCA OHSC program for both the 15 and 16 of December. **The provision of this service to our school community is dependant on numbers and can only be offered if we have a minimum of 15 children enrolling.**

V-Pass Sign In

As many of you know we have a new electronic system for recording visitors to the school. This system has been put into place to more effectively keep a record of all those who come in and out of the school. It is a tool which will help us to keep our school safe.

When you come to the front office you will be asked to sign in on the iPad using a lanyard. The Red lanyard is for any visitor coming into the school including if you are dropping off any items to the classroom or are helping with the Parents and Friends. The Yellow lanyard is for school helpers in the canteen, classroom, library or coming into the school as a guest speaker.

The laws around working with children have changed with the introduction of the Child Safety Standards that all organisations who work with children are required to follow. Moving forward takes time and involves some changes to our current practices. The introduction of the V-Pass Sign In system and the School Code of conduct are examples of this. I ask you for your cooperation and understanding and thank you your support.



Classes for 2017

At this time of the year the school is making arrangements for 2017. Next week we will begin the process of class compositions for 2017. 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.



If you have any educational concerns about your child's placement for 2017 you can communicate these to me via email via by Friday 21 October.

The class structure for 2017 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.

This extensive process ends on Orientation Day when children are placed into their new grades and meet their new teacher. 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.

Orientation day this year will be on Monday 12 December from 12.00pm-1.00pm

Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani

Principal

principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au



Defibrillator

The school has now purchased a Defibrillator with the money that was raised by our involvement in the Sunshine Community Raffle!

It will be located in the Sick Bay in the Office.



Grade 5 Camp Fun





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Foundation at Bundoora Farm



Foundation I had been learning about taking care of our school environment and recycling. They shared their ideas for how we can make some improvements here at Our Lady's school. Here they are sharing the posters that they have made to make others in our school community become more aware.

- Put your plastic and glass bottles in the bin.
- Don't throw your rubbish down drains.
- You can tell the difference between a plastic bag and a jelly fish but a turtle cannot so use less plastic bags.
- Use less packaged food and put food in your own containers.



YMCA Healthy Kids OSHC
Our Lady's Primary
PROGRAM 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.childrensservices.ymca.org.au

DAY	After School Care Activities	Afternoon Tea
Monday Staff: Carolina & Myrna	Inside: Rainbow Paper Weaving Outside: Free Play	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Yoghurt and biscuits
Tuesday Staff: Carolina, Lucette & Myrna	Inside: Thumbprint Dandelion & Cherry Blossoms Outside: Down Ball & Soccer Game Homework & Readers.	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Pita Bread & Dip
Wednesday Staff: Carolina, Chelsea & Georgia	Inside: Chinese Paper Lanterns Outside: Ship, Shark, Shore	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Pasta & Sauce
Thursday Staff: Carolina, Chelsea & Myrna	Inside: Spring Coloring In Sheets Outside: Ball Games & Play-ground Homework + Readers	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Sandwiches
Friday Staff: Carolina, Marlene & Georgia	Children's Choice: Games, Activities Inside & Out. Cooking with Marlene	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Saladas and Cheese

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> Thank You, Michelle and Our Lady's OSHC Team

PREPARATIONS FOR 2017

As we are beginning our preparations for 2017, 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 2017 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 2017 (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 2017

Family Name: _____

Child/children's names

- | | |
|----------|--------------|
| 1. _____ | Grade: _____ |
| 2. _____ | Grade: _____ |
| 3. _____ | Grade: _____ |
| 4. _____ | Grade: _____ |

Suburb we are moving to: _____

Name of our new school: _____

Signed: _____ **(Parent)**

Please return this form to the office as soon as possible

Art Room Needs

A big call out for any SMALL recycled items for the art room....these can be bottle tops/caps, buttons, screws, nails, washers, nuts, bolts, very small boxes, like matchboxes to name a few.



We are also after natural materials like small stones, fallen leaves, gum nuts, small pieces of paper bark and feathers.



Any small items would be greatly appreciated.



This term we will be working on a whole school collaborative project involving mosaicking one of our brick walls. The children will all be involved creating a mosaic in the art room and adding it to a mosaicked tree. If there are any interested parents who are available on Fridays and would like to help out please email me for more information.. I would love any help in any way!

If anyone has spare old tiles that would suit the colours of a tree....browns, creams....and would like to donate these to our mosaic wall, they would be gratefully accepted!

Thanks!

Miss Pina

pmcdonald@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

The Our Lady's GLEE club presents...



3 shows only!

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED DATE

FRIDAY 11th NOVEMBER IN THE AUDITORIUM

Show 1: @ 11.30am

Show 2: @ 12.10pm

Show 3: @ 12.45pm

Families welcome to attend!

To help us determine attendance numbers, please return the slip below
by Friday 7th October.

You can also visit the GLEE SITE, any time - through our school website.

Glee Club Presents Mary Poppins

Family name: _____

Eldest Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

I/We will be attending (please tick which show and write how many people):

☐ Show 1 at 11.30am Number of people _____

☐ Show 2 at 12.10pm Number of people _____

☐ Show 3 at 12.45pm Number of people _____



CAROLINE CHISHOLM CATHOLIC COLLEGE

I want my child to attend
What do I do?

Now Accepting Applications for Year 7 2018 and 2019

2018 Applications close on 17th February 2017
2019 Applications close on 25th August 2017

STEP ONE

Collect and complete the enrolment application form,
available at reception or from our website
www.cccc.vic.edu.au

STEP TWO

Submit the completed enrolment application to 204
Churchill Avenue, Braybrook by the above due dates.

STEP THREE

The College will contact you to schedule an interview in:
March 2017 (for Year 7 2018) or
September 2017 (or Year 7 2019)

STEP FOUR

Offers for Year 7 will be sent by post in:
May 2017 (for Year 7 2018) or
October 2017 (for Year 7 2019)

For more information please contact our College
Registrar on 92935311 or registrar@cccc.vic.edu.au

MANY MINDS
one heart

OPEN DAY
TUES 11 OCT GUIDED TOURS



Leaders in Learning Excellence



Keep praying and God will help you

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Gospel Lk 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'



Who are some of the people we need to pray for?

Cross out all letters that appear three times or more. Then unscramble the remaining letters to complete the name of the popular prayer below.

H	T	G	O	C	E	J	W
S	A	P	Q	G	K	I	T
F	O	E	A	S	B	Q	O
K	L	T	J	T	E	U	B
E	B	C	F	U	J	C	E
Q	G	M	E	Y	B	W	U
U	F	S	O	C	P	Q	S
O	R	P	K	W	E	J	T

The _ _ _ _ _

Write a prayer asking God to help you to never give up when things get tough.