



Celebrating 100 Years of Catholic Education 1919-2019

OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

17 October 2019

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
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Our Lady's is a Child Safe School

'In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind' Job 12:10

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed 23– Fri 25 Oct

Grade 5 Camp to Narmbool

Fri Oct 25

Day for Daniel - wear something
RED to school today

Fri 1 Nov

8.45am P&F Meeting

Mon 4 Nov

Report Writing Day - no school
for the children

Tues 5 Nov

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday -
no school for the children

Wed 6 Nov

Gr 2 Excursion Werribee Zoo

Thurs 7 Nov

2020 Foundation Transition
Session 2.00-2.45pm

Fri 8 Nov

Year 6 Confirmation Prayer Day

Mon 11 Nov

Remembrance Day

Tues 12 Nov

2020 Foundation Transition
Session 2.00-2.45pm

Mon 18-Fri 29 November

Whole School 10 Day Intensive
Swimming program

Tues 3 Dec

2020 Foundation Transition
Session 2.00-2.45pm

Wed 11 Dec

Step Back in Time Performance
7.00pm Quin Auditorium

Mon 16 Dec

Graduation Mass for Gr 6 at
5.45pm

Tues 17 Dec

Last Day of 2019

11.30am Final Mass

3.15pm School finishes for 2019

SACRAMENTS

Fri 15 Nov

7.00pm Confirmation

Dear Parent,



We thank you for giving us the opportunity to celebrate this wonderful occasion of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's School. At this special time we give thanks for all of you who are here present and all those who have contributed to the life and success of this school throughout our 100 years history. We thank you for our parish priests and parishioners for providing the material and spiritual support to our school for all these years. We thank you for the Archdiocese of Melbourne for providing direction and guidance to our principals and school staff. We thank you for the Sisters Of St Joseph for their work here in Sunshine. We thank you for the principals and staff whose leadership and dedication to Catholic schools makes our schools strong. We thank you for parents who entrust their children to us. We thank you for the life of those who worked and served at the school and now have departed, may they rest in peace.



Almighty Lord, as we mark and celebrate 100 years of service to this community, we also give thanks for those who have learned about you here, those who have grown in faith here and those who have made Our Lady's School a special place. May the staff, parents and children always value their time and each other's efforts at this school. May they look back in appreciation and forward in hope.



A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to all the students of Our Lady's School! Thank you for making our 100 Year Celebration such a wonderful success. I have had so many past principals, students, priests and Sisters of St Joseph comment on how beautifully you all sang. They were moved by your singing and how polite and welcoming you were. You made myself and all the staff very proud. A special thank you to all the students who sang in the choir, who read so beautifully at the Mass and those who were in the procession. Thank you to our wonderful altar servers and to both the Welcoming and Events Committee members. Great job everyone!



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Dear Parents,

I would like to share with you my speech that I gave on the 100 Year Mass Celebration on Thursday 17th of October. The students have been given a commemorative badge and a timeline which outlines the history of Our Lady's School from 1919 to 2019 as a keepsake of Our Lady's School 100 Year birthday celebration. We hope that you together with your child/children will enjoy reading about the people who helped to shape Our Lady's school throughout its 100 year history.

On behalf of the Our Lady's school community it is my great pleasure to thank our distinguished guests: Archbishop Peter Comensoli, Bishop Mark Edwards OMI, the Priests who have concelebrated this mass, the Sisters of St Joseph, Staff from Catholic Education-Western Region, Representatives of the City of Brimbank and Principals from Catholic Primary and Secondary schools for their presence here today.

I would also like to warmly thank all the past students, staff members, families and friends of Our Lady's school for taking the time to join us here in Our Lady's church to celebrate Our Lady's school's 100th birthday. For us who make up the current Our Lady's school community 2019, today is a day of celebration and joy, a day to pause, honour and reflect on the past and to embrace the present and future that awaits us with faith and hope.

The history of Our Lady's school dates back to 1919 when Father John Carney realised the urgent need for a Catholic school. He lost no time in proceeding with the work and the school was built at a cost of just over 366 pounds. His Grace Daniel Mannix, the Archbishop of Melbourne at the time opened the school on the 12th of October 1919.

The school's beginnings were humble but the vision and dream for Our Lady's was always big: to provide a high quality Catholic education for the children of Sunshine. This dream continues today.

We have created a summary of the school's history in the form of a timeline, which we have given to each of you as a keepsake. We hope that you will enjoy reading through it and reflecting on the people and events which helped to shape our beloved school.

Over the decades, each generation of Parish Priests, principals, staff, families and parishioners continued to build onto the work done by the previous generation-always dedicated to providing nothing but the best learning opportunities and learning environment for the students who attended the school. Our school motto 'Ad maiorem Dei gloriam' or 'All for the Glory of God' sums up the inspiration and motivation that fuelled many religious and lay staff, students, families and parishioners to build a school community which truly reflected the Gospel values, inspired a life-long love of learning and a sense of social justice.

As you read over the timeline you will see that Our Lady's school has been truly blessed and truly loved over its 100 years. Many of you that are sitting here today have had the privilege of serving this school community. Many of you have dedicated years to educating the students, improving and innovating Our Lady's school in a physical sense and more importantly in a spiritual sense. Working tirelessly to build a Catholic school community where authentic relationships based on love provide the means for all students to flourish and grow.

I want to acknowledge the outstanding contribution that both religious and lay staff past and present have made to the lives of the many thousands of young people and their families, and the justifiable proud history that Our Lady's school has as a Catholic education provider in the community of Sunshine.

This is an achievement we should all be proud of. Father John Carney's dream that began in 1919 is a dream that has been continued by many and has never diminished but rather continued to shine brightly throughout the school's 100 years.

Our Lady's school community today is rich in its cultural and linguistic diversity, has a strong sense of its own Catholic identity, nurtured by its deep historical and spiritual connections with the Sisters of St Joseph and the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Firmly at its centre are the students for whom we strive each day to create a joyful school that delivers a quality education which inspires our students to live a Christian way of life.

We warmly invite you all to come and join us after the mass in the school hall for a light lunch and refreshments. After which, you will have the opportunity to tour the school, view the facilities and meet the current staff and students.

We have filled the school hall with pictures of the past and present, which we hope, will help to trigger memories and ignite many conversations.

As you enter the school hall, you will see a table with a visitor's book for you to sign and write a short comment about your connection to Our Lady's school. This will be a record of your participation at this very special Our Lady's school milestone birthday.

We hope that you will take the opportunity to reconnect and to share stories of your experiences at Our Lady's school. On behalf of our Parish Priest Father Peter McKinley and the Our Lady's school community I would like to acknowledge and thank each of you for your part in contributing to the creation of a truly great school in which it is a privilege to teach and learn.

Thank you for your valued support of our school community.

Patrizia Bertani Principal of Our Lady's School

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100 YEARS 1919-2019



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Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

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**100
Years**
1919 - 2019

Dear Parent,

Just a reminder that next Friday 25th October, Our Lady's will be participating in the registered event 'A Day for Daniel' for the third time. It 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**.

Wellbeing: Child Safety

As a whole school approach, and as part of the wellbeing and child safety curriculum, the students will be immersed in exploring different emotions. This also involves consolidating the concept of respecting each other's personal space and emotions. Students in Years F-3 will be viewing a video exploring a student's reaction to a homework situation at home with a sibling. Follow-up from the video will involve students exploring other ways that the situation can be dealt with in relation to taking one's emotions and feelings into account. The Years 4-6 will be watching a video involving students playing football with a focus on emotions and behaviour and how one person's behaviour can affect themselves and those around them.



Keeping kids safe!

Important Dates and INFORMATION

DATES FOR 2020

Tuesday 28 January Staff back at school

Wednesday 29 January *Getting To Know You Sessions Day 1*

Thursday 30 January *Getting To Know You Sessions Day 2*

Families will attend a time on one of these two days to meet their 2020 teacher.

Friday 31 January Classes start for all grades today 8.45am-3.15pm

Monday 3 February ***Professional Development Day for Staff: no school for the children***



The Boys and Girls Basketball teams competed in a round robin competition at Keilor Basketball Stadium on Thursday the 10th of October.

Our Lady's had to play 2 games against 2 other schools in the Maribyrnong District.

Both teams played really well and won the first game and fought hard in the second game but unfortunately the other teams won.

They finished as Sunshine District Champions



Congratulations to the following students who competed in the Western Metropolitan Regional Finals held on Tuesday 15th October at Keilor Athletics Stadium.

Lucas A: 800m, 1500m

Owen A: Triple Jump

Heidi D: Discus, Triple Jump

Ella D: High Jump & Triple Jump

Helen G Triple Jump, Long Jump

Yvonne H: Hurdles, 200m

Julian D: Hurdles

Heidi D came second in the triple jump and Ella D came first in the high jump. Heidi and Ella will now move on to the State Championship Finals. ***Congratulations to all competitors.***

Well done! Miss McManus



Celebrating Reconciliation



Many thanks to our Wonderful Parents & Friends Committee for organising the food and beautiful cake that we shared to celebrate Year 3s Reconciliation.



AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



Join us at **OPEN DAY** – Sunday October 27



Is this your daughter?

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.



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An experience that goes far beyond the stage!

We believe in growing girls through the hidden elements of our curriculum; your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Over 200 girls recently shared the stage with Hugh Jackman in *The Man. The Music. The Show. Arena Tour* to sold-out audiences around the country. We're proud to have represented Qantas in the 'I Still Call Australia Home' advertisements and at live events for the past 20 years.

Now accepting 2020 enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Berwick, Box Hill, Caulfield North, Cheltenham, Essendon, Greensborough, Ivanhoe, Kew, Ringwood and Yarraville.



Join us at our **OPEN DAY** on October 27
Call 03 9859 6499



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EXTEND UPDATE.



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

The Extend Superstar is...

Matthew H... for using positive language, being respectful to others and assisting anyone 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 to contributing to creating colourful and informative art and craft posters in our room. We began our enrichment program this week decorating and icing sponge cakes, we look forward to another week of sports, crafts, games and baking cakes. Families if you could please continue to provide children with hats during after school care it would be much appreciated. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to come see us.. Have a lovely week and we look forward to seeing you on our family open night.



Families, just a reminder if your children have any preloved books and games you no longer need at home, please consider donating to us here at extend after school care

Enrol and book now: extend.com.au

Children NOT returning to Our Lady's School in 2020

Family Name: _____

Child/children's names

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| 1. _____ | 2019 Grade: _____ |
| 2. _____ | 2019 Grade: _____ |
| 3. _____ | 2019 Grade: _____ |
| 4. _____ | 2019 Grade: _____ |

Name of our new school: _____

And / Or

Our new address: _____

Signed: _____ **(Parent)**

Please return this form to the office as soon as possible



The businesses of Sunshine Shopping Precinct bring you the very first SUNSHINE HALLOWEEN STREET PARTY on Thursday 31st October from 4pm to 6pm.

Hampshire Road will come alive with roaming ghouls, scary characters, trick or treating and 3 decorated Halloween Dens for kids to have their face painted and grab some treats. A costume parade and best Halloween costume competition will take place at 5.30pm at Halloween Den 3 – front of Sunshine Marketplace

We invite all the kids of Sunshine plus mums and dads to get dressed up in their scariest outfits and join in the fun of the Sunshine Halloween Street Party. This is a safe family friendly event plus its FREE. And the 8th Annual SUNSHINE SHORT FILM FESTIVAL follow at Village Cinemas Sunshine. Primary School Screening at 6pm. FREE for children 15 and under. Registrations essential at <https://www.sunshinefilmfestival.com.au/>

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insights

Tolerance: a vital ingredient for your child's success

by Michael Grose



EDUCATION/LEARNING



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.

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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 cruelest 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

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.



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?

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

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

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