



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10 February 2023

www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

Parish Priest: Fr. Peter-Damien McKinley

Principal: Ms. Patrizia Bertani

Parish Mass Times:

English: Saturday 9.00am, 5.30pm, Sunday 9.00am, 10.30am & 5.30pm

Vietnamese: Saturday 7.00pm, Sunday 12.30pm, Friday 7.30pm

Burmese: Every 2nd Sunday 2.30pm

Chin: Every 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday 2.30pm

Tongan: Every 1st Sunday 3.00pm

School Phone: 9312 2230

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

Our Lady's is a Child Safe School

He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!" (Mark 4:2-9)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed 15 Feb 7.00pm Foundation Learning Parent Info Session

Thurs 16 Feb 11.30am Beginning of School Year Mass

Fri 17 Feb Casual clothes with a donation to support earthquake victims in Turkey & Syria

Tues 21 Feb 2.15pm Parent Helpers Session

Wed 22 Feb 7.00pm P&F AGM

Wed 22 Feb Ash Wednesday

Fri 24 Feb 9.00am Parent Helpers Session

Wed 1- Fri 3 Mar Yr 6 Camp

Mon 6 Mar School Photos

Wed 8 Mar 5.00-6.30pm Foundation Picnic

Mon 13 Mar Labour Day Public Holiday

Thurs 16 Mar 7.00pm Reconciliation Parent Night

Mon 27 Mar: Staff Professional Learning Literacy with Deb Sukarna

Thur 6 Apr End of Term 1 at 3.10pm

SACRAMENTS

Thur 23 March: 7.00pm Reconciliation for Year 3

Sun 7 May: 10.30am Eucharist for Year 4

Sun 721 May: 10.30am Eucharist for Year 4

Thur 24 Aug: 7.00pm Confirmation for Year 6

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS - PUPIL FREE DAYS

Mon 27 March: Literacy with Deb Sukarna

Fri 5 May: Personalised Learning with Kath Murdoch

Thur 22 Jun: Three Way Learning Conversations

Fri 28 Jul: RE with Maria Forde

Mon 6 Nov: Report Writing

Dear Parents,

We began this week with a focus on engaging our parent community and connecting with the rich First Nations culture from which we have so much to learn from. I hope this will help to develop in our students a greater understanding of our First Nations people which spurs them on to want to find out more about their rich cultural heritage.

It was wonderful to see so many parents taking up the offer to enjoy a coffee from Phil's coffee van and enjoy the opportunity to have a chat with each other. We appreciated the fact that most of the parents stayed and joined the staff and students in the *Welcome to Country Smoking Ceremony*. It was a joy to see students, parents and staff come together.

Aunty Joy, a Wurundjeri elder officiated *The Welcome to Country Smoking Ceremony* which can only be performed by an elder and in this case because our school is situated on traditional Wurundjeri land we had a Wurundjeri elder officiating the ceremony. I am very honoured to have had Aunty Joy visit, thereby providing our school community with the opportunity to witness and participate in an indigenous custom that dates back thousands of years. Thank you to Kriss Oliver our RE / Learning and Teaching Leader for organising Aunty Joy to come to our school. Congratulations to all the students of Our Lady's school for the very respectful way you all participated in the ceremony. Aunty Joy was very impressed by your behaviour and said that you were wonderful. If you would like to view the Smoking Ceremony please click on the link below.

Smoking Ceremony Link: <https://youtube.com/live/Ma5ZRQJYR-l?feature=share>

OUR LADY'S SCHOOL LENDING A HAND TO EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

This week I was approached by a number of students in Year 6 who suggested the idea that we should hold a fund raising event to help the people in Syria and Turkey who have been devastated by the recent earthquake. They have created a flyer to advertise this event and you will find further detail in this week's newsletter. All money raised will be sent to Caritas a Catholic volunteer organisation who have aid workers already assisting in Syria. Money will provide urgently needed medication, shelter and food.

SCHOOL FEES and UPDATING IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This week 2023 School Fee account and payment options have been sent home with your eldest child. If you wish to pay using Direct Debit you will need to fill in a new form as they must be completed annually. Please return any Direct Debit forms to the Office by Friday 17 February.

Term 1 Fees due by Friday 24 February.

If you have not received these envelopes please ring the office to let them know on 93122230.



Prayers for Turkey and Syria

This week we ask you to reflect on the devastating earthquake tragedy that continues to unfold across Turkey and Syria.

We ask you to join us in praying for the victims and their families.

May they find comfort in the love and support being expressed from all the nations of the world.



CONCESSIONAL SCHOOL FEE POLICY – 2023

The following families are encouraged to apply for concessional school fees as outlined in the MACS Concessional School Fee Policy contained ***on our website under: About Us - Policies – Concessional Fee Policy.***

- Any family of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage
- Any family holding a HCC and eligible for CSEF
- Any family experiencing severe financial hardship
- Any family holding a DVA Gold Card
- Any family identified as refugees and holding an ImmiCard

If you are eligible you will be required to meet with the Principal, complete an application form and return it to the office with all the required documentation as listed below.

- A completed direct debit request service agreement of a copy of Centrepay deduction authority for payment
- A copy of the government concession card (if applicable).

Road Safety-Update – Working Together to ensure our children are safe

I thank the majority of parents who are taking the time to park their car correctly and then walk to pick up their children and those who pick up their children from the 2 minute pick up and drop off zone in Victoria Street.

However, we still have a number of parents who double park or stop in the middle of the road and expect their child to get into the car. Staff cannot allow students to get into a car that is in the middle of the road or double parked as it is illegal to do so and compromises children's safety. Please help us to keep all children safe.



Dropping off students in the morning

No student is to be dropped off prior to 8:20am as this compromises their safety as there is no one supervising them. The school gates open at 8:20am and there is a staff member on duty to supervise the students. This week I have been seeing students being dropped off at school when there is no one to look after them. If this is an issue for you please contact me to discuss. We need to ensure that all children are safe at all times.

SunSmart – No Hat, No Play

All children should be wearing the Our Lady's school hat during Term 1. Any students not wearing their hat will be required to sit in the shade. No other hats are permitted to be worn. Hats can be brought on our QKR app or at the Office from the Uniform Shop.



Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani

Principal

principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

Our Lady's
lending a hand



Casual Clothes Day

With a donation

FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2023

Why?

All money from donations will go to
support Syria and Turkey recover from
the terrible earthquake

OUR LADY'S STAFF ROLES 2023

Parish Priest:	Fr Peter-Damien McKinley
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Deputy Principal / Wellbeing Leader:	Mrs Christine Carabott

Leadership Team

Principal:	Ms Patrizia Bertani
Deputy Principal / Wellbeing Leader:	Mrs Christine Carabott
RE & Teaching and Learning Leader:	Ms Kriss Oliver
Literacy Leader:	Mrs Tania Cuni
Numeracy Leader:	Mrs Anna Kalc-Smyth
OHS/Child Safety Leader:	Mr Tim Wickham
Design & Digital Technologies Leader:	Mr John Buttigieg
Learning Diversity	Ms Kirsty Ross

Literacy Team

Mrs Tania Cuni (Literacy Leader)	
Mr John Buttigieg	Mrs Justine Sales

Classroom Teachers

Mr Tim Wickham	Ms Monica Muscat
Mr Glenn Membrey	Ms Michelle Gurry
Ms Jen Howe & Mrs Angelica Mendoza	Mr Josh Howarth
Ms Karen Everson	Ms Beatrice Robles
Ms Cam Tu Nguyen	Ms Wendy Veldman
Ms Shai Stringa	Ms Steph Huynh
Ms Rochelle Monge	Mrs Kath Mitchell

Specialist Teachers

PE	Ms Jo McManus
Art	Ms Pina Mc Donald
LOTE (Italian)	Mr Matteo Maccio
Wellbeing	Ms Caroline Wood

Learning Diversity Team

Ms Kirsty Ross (Learning Diversity Leader)		
Mrs Toni Balbata	Mrs Lorraine Bugeja	Mrs Gina Callanan
Mrs Lynda Gardy	Mrs Frances Mafodda	Ms Kathleen Caruana

Admin Team

Mrs Mary-Anne Meilak	Mrs Jayne Hill	Mrs Catherine Elarmaly
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Canteen Managers

Mrs Nubia Barrera	Mrs Connie Caterino
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Cleaning Team

Mr Salvatore Barrera	Mrs Nubia Barrera
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Maintenance & Gardens Team

Mr Dean Frahm	Mr John Payne
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Esha - For showing the Our Lady's Gospel Value of Service and helping a classmate pick up his food when he dropped his lunchbox. Thank you for your help! *From Ms Cam Tu & Mrs Granata*

Louis - For showing the Our Lady's Gospel Value of Courage when you did the mathematics task with Miss McManus and Mrs Kalc. *From Ms. Cam Tu & Mrs Granata*

FJ

Ivy - For being a great Self-Manager. In Discovery you kept on trying when learning was hard. Well done! *From Miss Wendy*

Eliseo - For being a great friend to others. You show the Gospel Value of Compassion through your kindness. Well done! *From Miss Wendy*

1K

Thomas N - for working hard in all aspects of your learning especially in Writing. I'm so proud of you! *From Miss Shai*

Aman J - for displaying the Learning Asset of Collaborator when you worked with the teacher and others to create a tea party. *From Miss Shai*

1L

Zephaniah T - For being a Self-Manager who has shown focus and determination during Writing. Keep it up! *From Miss Steph*

Alexander H - For being a Collaborator who communicates with his team mates. You helped make an awesome farm for your community during Discovery Time! *From Miss Steph*

2M

Geronimo - For being a great example of what a good collaborator does by taking turns and working positively with a partner during our inquiry sessions! Well done! *From Ms Rochelle*

Tia - For showing great listening and focus during Maths and sharing your thinking with the class! Keep up the great work! *From Ms Rochelle*

2N

Billy H - For using beautiful manners and words such as "May I please ...?" when collaborating with your classmates. Well done! *From Mrs Mitchell*

Naing M - For being a wonderful collaborator and helping all your team find the pieces they needed to solve a puzzle. *From Mrs Mitchell*

3E

Brian L - For the deep thinking you did in your writer's notebook about the beach. Fantastic work! *From Ms Howe & Mrs Mendoza*

Damien C - For your awesome participation during reading groups. Well done identifying different persuasive words! Keep it up! *From Ms Howe & Mrs Mendoza*

3F

Ben B - For showing the Learning Asset of Self Manager by being organised for learning each day. Great work Ben! *From Mr Josh*

Mila M - For showing the School Gospel value of Respect through your positive interactions with others. Keep up the great work! *From Mr Josh*

4G

Louisa Jane- For displaying the Our Lady's school Gospel Value of Compassion when you show care and concern for your friends and peers on a daily basis. Well done Louisa Jane! *From Ms Karen*

Jacob-For using the Learning Asset Collaborator when you listened to and respected working with your partner on a shared goal. You recorded your ideas and shared your learning with the class. Thanks Jacob! *From Ms Karen*



4H

Anthony- For displaying the Gospel Value of Service when you offered to help your classmate set up her Google account. Well done! *From Ms. Robles*

Archie- For displaying the Gospel Value of Courage by sharing ideas during class discussions. Keep it up! *From Ms. Robles*

5C

Anna V- for your thoughtful contributions to class discussions. Keep it up Anna! *From Mr Membrey*

Ryan V- for showing initiative in taking responsibility for collecting the lunch orders. Well done Ryan! *From Mr Membrey*

5D

Sally P - For being an excellent communicator by sharing your ideas in class discussions and writing thoughtful reflections in Faith Life Inquiry. Well done! *From Ms Gurry*

Kieren L - For displaying many attributes of a good self-manager in class during the first few weeks of Year 5. Keep it up! *From Ms. Gurry*

6A

Harrison B- For showing the leadership quality of service by taking on the task of being responsible for the school flags. *From Mr Wickham*

Harry M-For showing the leadership quality of service by taking on the task of being responsible for the school flags. *From Mr Wickham*

6B

Van- For displaying leadership through the School Gospel Value of Service by taking on tasks in class without needing to be asked. *From Mrs Muscat*

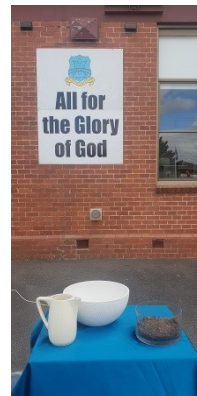
Tessa - For demonstrating independence, initiative and confidence when sharing her thoughts, ideas and completing learning tasks. *From Mrs Muscat*

1K: Lucas A
1L: Zeb B
2M: Sang Cung C
4G: Andi M
4H: Paul Z
6B: Cade A
Staff: Salvador





Welcome to Country Smoking Ceremony



**CYBER
SAFETY
PROJECT**

LIVE ONLINE VIA ZOOM

On-demand rewatch
available

**LIVE
WEBINARS
AT 7:30PM**

(AEDT/AEST)

PARENT & GUARDIAN WEBINAR SERIES 2023



Plan, Prevent, Protect

THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

Learning, connecting and playing online can be positive and safe. Learn how to create a safe online environment at home with practical advice for raising young people in a technology-rich world.



Safety on the Socials

TUESDAY 9TH MAY

Uncover the world of social networking through the lens of a child and teenager. Understand the risks and discover techniques to prepare kids to be safe and responsible on the socials.



Gaming and Your Family

WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY

You can learn a lot through gameplay. Help the young people in your home get the most out of gaming experiences and learn strategies to build healthy gaming habits.



Digital Balance and Wellbeing

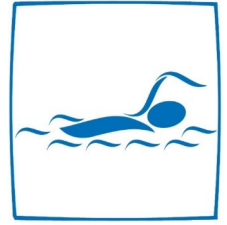
TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER

Technology plays a vital role in our world but it's easy to lose control. Finding a balance is a crucial 21st century skill. Discover simple tools and settings to manage screen time and thrive in a digital world.

FREE REGISTRATION
cybersafetyproject.com.au/webinars



SPORT NEWS



If you have a child who is a member of a swimming squad you may wish to nominate them for the Maribyrnong Division Swimming Sports on *Thursday March 9* at Oak Park Sports and Aquatic Centre, 563a Pascoe Vale Rd, Pascoe Vale.

Your child is able to nominate for two individual events. You will need to be able to transport your child to and from the event.

Please see or email Ms Jo McManus on jmcmanus@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au for more information.

Our Lady of The Immaculate Conception Parish Primary School

SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:

Monday, 6 March 2023

ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.SCHOOLPIX.COM.AU

Early Bird orders with free delivery to your school close 5 working days after your last photography session

A postage fee will apply for orders placed after this date.

Sibling orders must be placed prior to 8am on Monday, 6 March 2023.

Misplaced your order flyer? Please visit www.schoolpix.com.au and use the student search to find your child's unique ID or contact our Customer Care team on 1300 766 055.

Please note: Cash orders will not be accepted



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Dear parents

Please feel free to attend the Brimbank Writers & Readers Festival

Booklets/ brochures about the event are at school reception on the windowsill

For more information follow the link

<https://www.brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au/index.php/writersfestival>





AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR

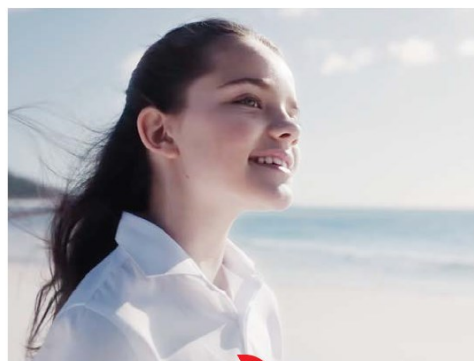


An experience that goes far beyond the stage!

Girls blossom as members of the AGC, both on and off the stage. Your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our senior performers have shared the stage with a long list of artists including Hugh Jackman, Amy Shark and Christine Anu. You may have seen our girls perform at the National Memorial Service for Queen Elizabeth II, the AFL Grand Final or on the recently released 'I Still Call Australia Home' campaign for Qantas.

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



QANTAS

JOIN US AT OUR FEBRUARY OPEN DAY

Register now at ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc or phone 03 9859 6499

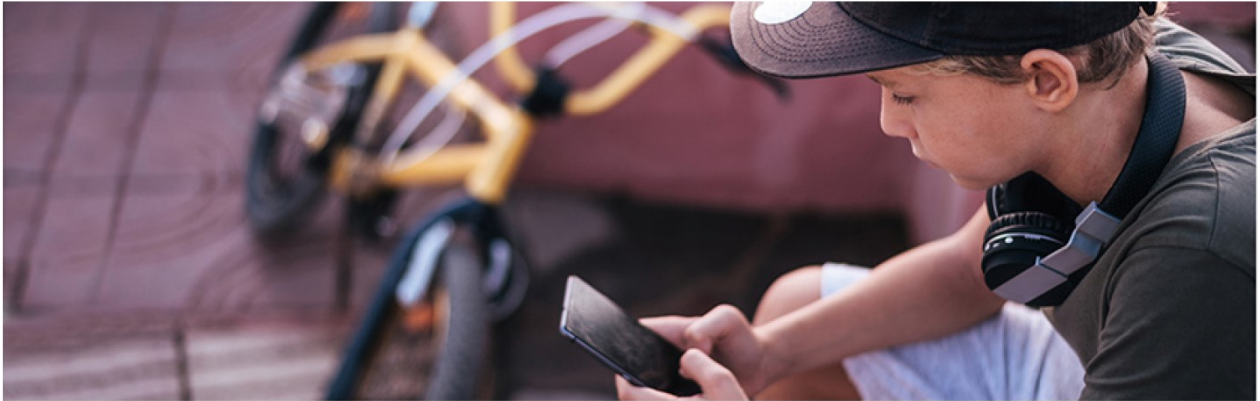


AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS



INSIGHTS

Strengthening kids' self-esteem in a digital world



How do we develop and nurture our child's self-esteem in a world where the likes, comments and followers are often seen as the social currency for popularity, confidence and self-worth?

While young people live out much of their social lives online, there are certain elements of this world that can have a negative impact on the social and emotional wellbeing of young people, particularly if that person's self-esteem is already fragile.

The very connected, very visible and public nature of social media ensures that many of the challenges faced by young people previously are now magnified and felt more deeply when played out online. We need to give young people the confidence, skills and perspective to ensure that they can reduce the negative impacts, and instead learn to thrive both online and in real life.

What are some of the things we can do to help nurture that self-esteem and prepare them for the challenges of a very public social media?

Build their independence and resilience early

Make sure they are confident in their own abilities to problem solve themselves. Let them to do things that may result in failure but allows them to pick themselves up. Let them know that mistakes are OK, as long as we learn something from them.

Encourage activities and pursuits

Feeling part of a community can be an invaluable element to fostering self-worth. Encourage kids to have interests away from the screens, such as belonging to teams, clubs and groups where their achievements and efforts can be recognised and celebrated.

Provide opportunities for them to help others

Giving kids the opportunity to help others, such as coaching a junior team, helping out with training or helping people less fortunate are great ways to build self-worth. Developing empathy for others helps kids to realise that the world is a much larger place than their social media feeds.

Spend time with them

parenting*ideas

It is easy to spend time with our kids when they are young. We can take them to the park, play games, read them books. As they get older and we are not so cool to hang out with, it becomes trickier. But we need to look for times to spend just being together, whether that's watching a movie they like, playing a game, or grabbing a milkshake on the way home from sports training. Find things they like to do. Even just sitting on their bed at night and letting them know you are there can be beneficial.

Provide rituals

Having regular moments of connection that are part of their everyday can be critical in providing stability and security. Connecting as a family with a nightly meal has been proven to be an effective way to give kids the comfort of knowing they have a place that is familiar and safe and unconditional. Or look for other rituals to provide this security.

Communicate often about what is happening online

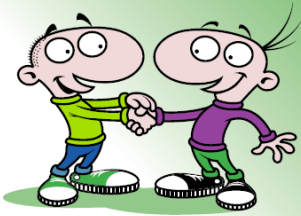
Talk to them about the things you see online, let them know you have an understanding, learn about it and be sure to look at things from their perspective. Use teachable moments to highlight when things go wrong and be sure that you remain relevant to their world so that they know you are there should something go wrong.

While we cannot always be there to follow everywhere they go online and be up to date on every single site or app they visit, we can do a lot in terms of instilling good values, building that self-esteem and ensuring that they have a positive sense of self that transfers from the real world to wherever they find themselves online.



Martine Oglethorpe

Martine is a parent educator and a youth and family counsellor who speaks, writes and consults on the challenges faced by families in the modern world. Martine has a Masters in Counselling and a background in secondary education. Through her personal and professional work with families raising children, she recognises the important role technology plays in the social and emotional wellbeing of young people. Martine is an accredited speaker with the Office of the eSafety Commissioner.



Be reconciled before you offer your gift to God

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Gospel

Matthew 5:23-24

Go and make peace with your neighbour first, then come and offer your gift.

Jesus said to his disciples: If you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering.

Jesus wants us to make peace with those who we have wronged

When someone does wrong things against me, I can make peace with them by....

When I do wrong things against someone, I can make peace with them by....

Find your way through the maze

