



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

11 February 2016

www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Ms. Patrizia Bertani
Secretary: Mrs. Laura Pase
Parish Priest: Fr. Peter Hoang OMI
Parish Mass Times: Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 9:00am, 10:30am & 5:30pm
School Phone: 9312 2230
School website: www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thurs 11 Feb

Parent Helpers Training
9.00am

Fri 12 Feb

**Beginning of School Year
Mass at 11.00am. All wel-
come to join us in the
Church as we celebrate the
beginning of our school
year.**

Wed 17-Fri 19 Feb

Grade 6 Camp

Mon 22-Wed 24 Feb

Parent Teacher Student
Chats after school

Tues 1 Mar

Yrs 3-6 Parent Health and
Wellbeing Meeting 7.00pm
Auditorium

Friday 11 Mar

Parish Movie

Mon 14 Mar

Labour Day Public Holiday

Wed 16 Mar

School Photos
Foundation BBQ 5.30-
7.00pm

Thurs 24 Mar

End of Term 1 at 3.15pm

Mon 11 Apr

Start of Term 2 at 8.45am

Fri 22 Apr

Professional Learning for
Staff (First Aid & Emergency
Management) - **No school
for the children**

Mon 25 Apr

ANZAC Day - Public Holiday

Dear Parent,

We have been very fortunate to have started this school year with such mild and pleasant weather. This week our Year 3 to 6 classes joined Father Peter and the parishioners to celebrate Ash Wednesday. Father Peter asked the children to focus on 3 things during the Lenten Season:

Prayer

Praying with others at school and at home as well as finding the time to pray alone.

Giving something up

This could be giving up lollies but there are other things we might choose to give up. These may be any bad habits, like coming to school late or not listening to our parents.

Being of Service to others

Service is one of the important Our Lady's school values. We follow the example of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop who *'Never saw a need without doing something about it.'* You could help someone out at school or at home. There are many opportunities each day for us to be of Service to someone who needs our help.

A special thank you to Father Peter and Ms Halina Lipski (RE Leader) for the beautiful Ash Wednesday Mass. A special thank you to the children of Our Lady's school who sang so beautifully and demonstrated respect and reverence throughout the Mass.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible tomorrow at 11.00am in the Church as we celebrate our Beginning of School Mass.

Introducing our 2016 School Leaders

All staff are leaders in their own ways but we have staff assigned to specific roles in the school who are leaders in the different areas of our school curriculum. They are focused on:

- Improving student learning and student growth across the curriculum
- Improving the curriculum we deliver across the school for ALL students
- Contemporising and personalising learning and teaching through innovative practices.



*Christine Carabott is in the
role of Deputy Principal
and Numeracy Leader.*



*Christina Trypis is in the role
of Learning and Teaching
and Student Wellbeing*



*Tim Wickham is in the role
of Student Voice Leader.*



*Halina Lipski is in
the role of Religious
Education Leader.*



*Geraldine Maguire is in
the role of Literacy
Leader.*



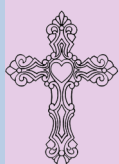
*Carmel Menzies is in
the role of ICT Leader.*

Ash Wednesday Prayer

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. We should pray to start the season right. Jesus, Savior and Redeemer, yesterday was Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. We pray that we may walk with you in faith, hope and love through the weeks of Lent. Help us to grow in faith during this holy season and to be people of prayer always. May we be aware of the needs of others so that we can reach out to them in your name.

Turn our hearts and our footsteps toward your kingdom of peace and justice. We pray this through your Holy Spirit of love who shows us the way to the Father.

Amen.





Year 2N and 2M are learning about the importance of TEAM WORK and COLLABORATION



COME AND JOIN US EACH FRIDAY AFTERNOON FOR OUR FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

Every Friday from 2:45pm to 3:10pm we have our Assembly in the School Hall. It is a time for the whole school to come together to hear the Gospel, pray together, celebrate children's achievements and birthdays. We reflect on the week with our PowerPoint presentations which capture the main events of our week.



We are working hard to provide our students with a greater voice in all matters to do with school and learning and that is why you will see our students running the Assembly. We hope that you will join us as it is a great way to keep in touch with what is happening in the school.

Happy Chinese Lunar New Year

Wishing all a Happy and Prosperous Chinese New Year.

Hope the Year of the Monkey is good for all!

Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani

Principal

principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au



REMINDERS

Notification of Absence

If you are planning to take your children out of school for any reason (not illness), please make sure you come into the Office to fill out the 'Notification of Student Absence' Form. This MUST be filled out if you are planning on a family holiday during school time as we are required to have written notification of any extended absences over 2 days.



SunSmart

We ask you to make sure that your child comes to school with their school hat and a water bottle. We have sunscreen in each of our classes for the children to use before they go out to play. This is part of our SunSmart policy and we ask you to support us in making sure we protect our children from the harmful rays of the sun as well as keep them well hydrated at all times.



Before and After school Playground Rules

School children are not allowed to play on the Adventure Playground before or after school. This area is off limits during these times. If you have a toddler and you would like them to play on the Adventure Playground you must make sure that you supervise your child at all times.



Starting School on Time

Please be aware of the importance of bringing your child to school on time. It is important that your child has enough time to prepare themselves for their learning. Starting school on time supports the child's confidence and learning. It is difficult for children when they have to walk into their class and the lesson has already started. Please help us to give your child the best educational opportunities.

School gates open at 8:20am with a supervising teacher on yard.

Classrooms open at 8:30am and teachers are ready to greet the children.

Classes begins at 8:45am.



Picking up your child after school

We ask that you also make sure that you organise to pick your child up on time as we have a growing number of students who are not being picked up on time after school. If you have any difficulties picking up your child on time we ask that you think about enrolling your child in After School Care which is available on the school premises. School finishes at 3.15pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 3.00pm on Wednesdays.

Have you remembered to....

- Update your Family Details Form and send it back to school?
- Fill out the CSEF Form and bring your Health Care/Pension Card to the Office if you are eligible?
- Give the Office a 2016 Asthma Action Plan if your child is asthmatic?
- Make an appointment time for your Parent/Teacher/Student Chat via the PTO Link on the school website olsunshine.catholic.edu.au? Access closes next Tuesday, so get in quick!



Together we Succeed

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	ACTIVITY	AFTERNOON TEA
MONDAY	Chinese new year activities	Bread sandwich
TUESDAY	Professional Development for Staff	Professional Development for Staff
WEDNESDAY	Kids choice art and craft activities ,soccer	Salada with spread, crackers
THURSDAY	Origami	Bread sandwich ,biscuit
FRIDAY	Kids in kitchen -cooking	Rice cake with spread

Dear Families,

2016 enrolments are open now and you can fill the enrolment forms online from our website,
www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au before your child attends the session.

For more information please contact our staff at Our Lady's School from 2:45 p.m-6:00 p.m.

For all accounts queries please contact our office.

Our office email address is Childrensservices.vic@ymca.org.au ,PH- 8371 0500.

Our school email address is ourladysoshc@ymca.org.au , PH-0401 700 401

If you or someone else is picking up your child (children) early on your behalf and if you child/ren are not attending the after school care, please let OSHC coordinator know.

GLEE CLUB IN TERM 1!



We are excited about the commencement of our GLEE Club THIS FRIDAY at lunch time.



As you know already, at GLEE club, we focus on the Performing Arts -

Dance, Drama and Music. The students are invited to attend classes held during lunch time of a Friday.

We aim to

- have fun
- learn some new skills
- embrace the joy that the Performing Arts provides!

This term, Miss Natalie Severino, Miss Lynda Ferrara and Ms Carmel Menzies, will focus on DANCE!

We invite all interested dancers to come along on Friday.

Miss Ferrara will be our choreographer and we will learn a dance routine. It promises to be lots of fun. We will invite you all to see the "fruits of our rehearsals" towards the end of the term!

Thanks for your support and enthusiasm last year. Remember to visit the GLEE site any time, for more up-dates.

<https://sites.google.com/a/olsunshine.catholic.edu.au/glee-club/>

(remember, all SITES can be found via the school website / Learning and Teaching / Class sites page)



ART NEWS

Welcome back to another exciting year full of wonderful creative opportunities for your child. Just a few reminders and some information for our new families.

- Please remember to provide an art smock for your child that reaches past their hips. I will be sending art smocks BACK HOME that are too small for your child. It is very important that their uniform is protected while working in the art room.
- Please RETURN your child's plastic art folio that was sent home with their artwork on the last day of 2015. We recycle these folios year to year so I would be grateful for all that can be returned.
- This year some classes will be involved in creating characters out of paper machè. If you use large plastic bottles such the type that milk come in, can you please send them washed and WITHOUT their lids to the art room.
- The art room collects many things so if you're throwing out any of these things please consider sending to the art room for the children to use. Examples are:
 - ⇒ Old landscape calendars
 - ⇒ Bottle tops
 - ⇒ Buttons
 - ⇒ Pine cones
 - ⇒ Hard cardboard (not boxes)
 - ⇒ Ice cream containers
 - ⇒ Small metal gadgets like handles, nails, screws, washers, small wheels.
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Looking forward to creating fabulous art with your children

Ms Pina McDonald

WEST SUNSHINE AUSKICK



**Registrations are now open for the 2016 Auskick season.
Participants must be 5 years old or turning 5 in 2016 and no older than 10
years of age.**

Sessions are held on Saturday's at 9:30am at Ainsworth Reserve (Glengala rd).

To register please go to <http://www.aflauskick.com.au/>

Be sure to register WEST SUNSHINE as your centre

For more information contact Mick Grima 0421 257 256

or michael.grima@fonterra.com



The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert

1st Sunday of Lent, Year C

Gospel

Lk 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be

yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you
to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

During the season of Lent, we prepare for Holy week and Easter by focusing on our faith and love for God. Write down some ways you can do this.

Read a passage from Luke's Gospel every night before I go to bed.

When Jesus went into the desert, he chose the ordinary path of human life and resisted the temptation to use his miraculous powers to make life easier for himself. Draw a picture of yourself performing a selfless act that would make life easier for someone else.