



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 11 February 2022 www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

Parish Priest: Fr. Peter-Damien McKinley
Principal: Ms. Patrizia Bertani
Parish Mass Times:
English: Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 9:00am, 10:45am & 5:30pm
Vietnamese: Saturday 7.30pm, Sunday 12.30pm
Chin: Sunday 2.30pm
School Phone: 9312 2230
School website: www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

Our Lady's is a Child Safe School

'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you to fish for people.' At once they left their nets and followed him. Matthew 4:19-20

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 21 Feb 2.30 Parents Helpers Session

Wed 23 Feb 7.00pm Foundation Parents Information Session

Fri 25 Feb 9.00am Parent Helpers Session

Wed 2 Mar Ash Wednesday

Mon 7 Mar School Photos

Mon 14 Mar Labour Day Public Holiday

Wed 6 Apr Last day of term 1 for students

Thurs 7 April: First Aid Training for Staff (Level 2, Anaphylaxis, CPR, Asthma). **No school for the children**

Friday 8 April: RE Professional Development with Fr Richard Leonard. **No school for the children**

Tues 26 Apr First day of Term 2

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE 2022 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

(students do not attend school):

Thurs 7 April: First Aid Training for Staff (Level 2, Anaphylaxis, CPR, Asthma)

Friday 8 April: RE Professional Development with Fr Richard Leonard

Wednesday 1 June: Literacy Focus Professional Development with Deb Sukarna

Thursday 23 June: Three Way Learning Conversations (students attend at their appointment time)

Monday 31 October: Report Writing

SACRAMENT DATES

Thurs Mar 10 7.00pm Reconciliation (Year 3)

Sun 22 May 10.30am Eucharist 4G

Sun 29 May 10.30am Eucharist 4H

Fri 29 July 7.00pm Confirmation (Year 6)

Dear Parents,

It is such a joy to come to school each day and see the children engaging in all the learning experiences their teachers and the specialist staff have prepared for them. As I walk through the school I see so much evidence of a vibrant learning, community in action. We aim to provide learning experiences which develop a lifelong love of learning in our students and which is illuminated by the Catholic faith.

This year we are focusing on learning more about our First Nations people, their history and their culture. In light of this we invited Uncle Ringo who is a Wurundjeri elder to our school and he performed the traditional Welcome to Country smoking ceremony in which the whole school participated. The Wurundjeri people are the first people to inhabit the area in which our school is situated and where many of us live therefore it was a real privilege to have Uncle Ringo to personally welcome us all to Country.

At the beginning of our Friday assemblies the students pay respects to the traditional owners of this land by reading out the acknowledgement of country which I have included below:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Today we acknowledge and pay respects to the First People of the western region, the Wurundjeri People the traditional custodians of this land and all the waterways that flow through the land. We thank them for faithfully caring for this country for thousands of years. We acknowledge and celebrate the continuation of a living culture that has a unique role in this region. We also acknowledge Elders past and present as well as the emerging leaders of tomorrow and thank them for their wisdom and guidance as we walk in their footsteps.



SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2022

Reconciliation Year 3 students - Thursday March the 10th at 7.00pm

Communion (Eucharist) Year 4G students - Sunday the 22nd of May at 10.30am

Communion (Eucharist) Year 4H students - Sunday the 29th of May at 10.30am

Confirmation Year 6 students - Friday the 29th of July at 7.00pm

PRAYER FOR OUR SCHOOL

Thank you, God, for our school, where we learn lots of things, make lots of friends, play lots of games, have lots of fun.

Help us to take care of our classrooms, our playground, our books, our sports gear, our friends and our teachers.

Please bless everyone in our school.

Amen



COVID-19 UPDATE

The students and staff have been keeping all those in our community who have COVID in our thoughts and prayers. As you know Principals have been asked to update families about COVID cases. I have not had the need to do that as up to now we have not had any COVID cases in the school or any child attending school that was positive or became positive shortly after their attendance at school. I want to reassure you that I will let the parent community know if any cases emerge as soon as I have been made aware.

Meanwhile we are still implementing our COVID safe plan across the school and sincerely thank you our parent community for your ongoing cooperation. The staff and myself are looking forward to the day that we can welcome all our parents and families back into the school.

Today we will be distributing Rapid Antigen Test kits to each child to take home. Please make sure you check your child's bag or ask your child for the Rapid Antigen Test kit. This is for you to use over the coming weeks. Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting the school by administering the Rapid Antigen Tests twice a week and by promptly letting the school know if their child is a household contact or has tested positive for COVID.

YEAR 5 and 6 INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

I am writing to let you know that the students in Years 5 and 6 will be participating in interschool sports beginning next Friday the 18th of February. We are now able to participate as the updated Schools Operations Guidelines have changed and now allow schools to participate in the Interschool program if they wish to.

This is wonderful news for our Year 5 and 6 students who are very keen and excited to have the opportunity this year to participate in the interschool sports program.

We will be implementing our COVID safe plan to make sure we do all we can to keep our students safe and healthy. As part of the COVID safe plan we will not be sharing buses with other schools as we have done under normal circumstances. This decision will ensure that we are doing all we can to minimise risk of COVID transmission. We would also like to recommend that you give your child a Rapid Antigen Test either on Thursday night or Friday morning just prior to playing in the interschool sports as an added precaution. We value your collaboration as it is because of the way we have worked together that so far I have not had to report any COVID transmission at Our Lady's school. This is a great achievement.

CHILDREN'S ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

There are various ways that you can contact the school to advise that your child is absent from school:

1. Contact the office. Call 93122230 and then advise the office staff that your child is absent on this day and the reason why.
2. Via the SkoolBag App: Use the 'Absentee Form' in this app. This form can be found under the section 'eForms'.
3. Send an email to your child's teacher on their school email address.
4. A written note may be sent in advance if you know your child will be absent with an appointment.
5. If he/she is going on or planning to go on an extended holiday please come into the Office and fill out a Notification of Absence form.

SCHOOL FEES and UPDATING IMPORTANT INFORMATION

On Thursday afternoon 2 envelopes were sent home with your eldest child. A large envelope which contained a student information sheet to be checked and updated if needed and a CSEF application form to be filled in only if required. Please return the forms to the office as soon as possible.

The smaller envelope contained 2022 School Fee account and payment options.

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

Yours sincerely,

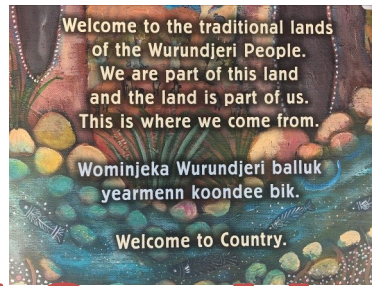
Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani

Principal

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Aboriginal Smoking Ceremony & Welcome to Country





FI

Isabella - For being *an* Inquirer and pondering about where glass comes from. I love that you are sharing what you are thinking. Keep it up! *From Ms. Cam Tu*

Elias - For being an Inquirer and asking the question, "How do fish breathe?" Keep those questions coming! *From Ms. Cam Tu*

FJ

Willow - For staying focused on her work when working with a partner to complete a puzzle. You showed us all how to be a great self-manager, Willow. *From Miss Wendy*

Jeremiah - For collaborating with a partner to finish a puzzle. That's what good learners do! *From Miss Wendy*

1K

Kei L - for working really hard and persisting with your reading and writing this week! Keep it up! *From Miss Shai*

Samara S - for showing the Our Lady's Gospel Value of Courage by stepping up to speak at the smoking ceremony. *From Miss Shai*

1L

Hamish M - For sharing some amazing thinking in our writing time this week. Way to make a splash in a new school! *From Miss Steph*

Alyssa D - For showing the Our Lady's Gospel Value of Courage when sharing and participating in our class discussions. Keep it up! *From Miss Steph*

2M

Sylvee V- For showing the Our Lady's Gospel Value of Respect when interacting with peers and teachers. Well done! *From Ms Frost*

Dylan T- For being a welcoming and kind student who always respects his peers and teachers. Well done! *From Ms Frost*

2N

Ben B For reading at home every day and filling in your home reading sheet. Well done! *From Mrs Mitchell*

Eilish L For reading at home every day. Well done! *From Mrs Mitchell*

3E

Paul Z- For working to the best of your ability by being a positive engaged learner. Well done Paul! *From Miss Karen*

Lincoln B- For using the Learning Asset Thinker to solve problems and find solutions when working on the computer. Great thinking Lincoln! *From Miss Karen*

3F

Jacob T - For demonstrating the Our Lady's Gospel Value of Respect by always using your manners and interacting with others in a positive way. You greet your teachers and classmates with a smile every morning. *From Mr Josh*

Grace R - for being a Self Manager and organising your learning space each morning. Your desk and your school work is always so neat and tidy. Keep up the great work! *From Mr Josh*

4G

Ruby L - For being so helpful around the classroom and contributing to our positive learning environment. Thank you for keeping our bookshelves and equipment organised. *From Ms Christine*

William T - For contributing to class discussions and always doing his best work. Keep up the awesome work! *From Ms Christine*

4H

Kieren L- For making responsible choices when it comes to your learning. You are so focused and you try your best at all times. Keep it up! *From Ms. Robles*

Sally P- For always living out the classroom expectations and doing your best at all times. Keep it up! *From Ms. Robles*

5C

Tessa M- For being a diligent student, always prepared for learning, and for showing amazing listening skills. *From Mr Membrey*

Van R- For showing compassion when helping find a lost item, and his for being a helping hand around the classroom. *From Mr Membrey*

5D

Zac W - For demonstrating independence, initiative and confidence when sharing his thoughts, ideas and completing learning tasks. *From Ms Muscat*

Mila K - For her enthusiastic manner, high level of interest and pride that she takes in all learning opportunities that we experience together in 5D. Well done! *From Ms Muscat*

6A

Chanel P - For displaying leadership through the School Gospel Value of Service by taking on tasks in class without needing to be asked. Keep it up Chanel *From Mr Wickham*

Summer F - For showing maturity as a learner by deciding to re do a learning task so that it reflected effort and care. Well done Summer. *From Mr Wickham*

6B

Mikayla C - For contributing to class discussions and asking questions when you are unsure what to do. You are displaying the learning asset of 'Thinker'. Keep it up! *From Ms. Gurry*

Tom D - For making valuable contributions to class discussions and enthusiastically sharing your ideas and answers. Well done! *From Ms. Gurry*



Lucas A FI
Zeb B FI
Andi M 3F
Paul Z 3E
Salvador
Henry N 4H

Ruth Z 6A
Sang Cung C 1K
Alexia V 3E
David A 6B
Cade A 5D

SPORT NEWS

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Registration to trial for SSV 12 Years and Under 'Team Vic' boys and girls Australian Football, mixed Netball, boys and girls Soccer, boys and girls Basketball, Volleyball and Hockey is done through an online process managed by School Sport Victoria. The online Registration process is at www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic and closes on March 1, 2022.

Team Vic 12 Boys and Girls Cricket also follows this process and closes on the same date. Follow this link <https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic/pages/cricket.aspx> to find all of the information and the RED buttons when you are ready to go ahead and register.

Students and families must consult with their Principal to ensure they have the skill level to trial and represent their school at a national championship level. It is imperative that teachers decide on a child's capability of representing their school at a state level trial. Registration for a Division trial incurs a NON-REFUNDABLE \$25 fee.

Confirmation to attend a trial will occur before the end of Term 1, 2022. Once registered, the parent will receive an email confirming payment and a form which will require the Principal's signature.

Please see Ms Mc Manus for any further information or questions.

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Between Sunshine and Sunbury, buses replace trains from:

- 8.30pm Monday 21 February to 8.30pm Wednesday 23 February
- Thursday 24 February first train to 8.30pm

Between North Melbourne and Sunbury, buses replace trains from:

- Wednesday 23 February, 8.30pm to last service
- 8.30pm Thursday 24 February to last service Sunday 27 February.

There will also be other project and maintenance works on various sections of the line in February and March.

Metro Trains advises passengers to plan ahead and allow extra time. Visit ptv.vic.gov.au or call **1800 800 007** for more information.





SNAGS AND SNORKELS

FREE EVENT

INTRODUCTION TO SNORKELLING-COME AND TRY.

Where: Jawbone Marine Sanctuary, Williamstown 118-124 Crofton Drive,

When: Sunday 20th February, 2022

Time: 9.30-1.30pm

10.00-1.00pm Free SNORKELLING INSTRUCTION (8yrs plus)

FREE SAUSAGES

Join us for a fun day out.

Some Teachers will attend but it is not a school event

Dive 2 U instructors will take 40 people snorkeling. (Gear provided, 1st in best dressed registration).

This family/ community event by the sea will be hosted by the Jawbone Marine Sanctuary Care Group.

Greg our Family Partnerships Leader (0409823186) is a member of J.M.S.C. Group.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

BYO-Beach gear (Snorkels/mask/fins /wetsuit if you have them)

***CHILDREN ARE TO BE SUPERVISED BY PARENTS AT ALL TIMES.**

THIS IS NOT A SCHOOL EVENT BUT WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO TAKE YOUR CHILDREN

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NOTE-We will update school Friday afternoon if weather requires cancelling the event



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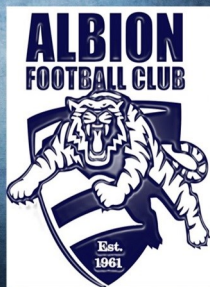
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insights

Helping children make a bright start to school

by Michael Grose



Starting school is a major step in a child's educational journey. It is made easier when children are prepared for the transition.

Children's milestone events such as starting school always bring a mix of emotions for both children and parents, with excitement, anticipation and nervousness being the most common. If either you or your child is feeling anxious about the big event then the following tips will help ease the tension and ensure your child makes the best possible start to their school life:

1. Be positive about the year ahead

School starters generally take their cues from their parents so your attitude to school, your child's teacher and learning can set the scene for a positive year ahead. Be positive and confident that your child will fit in and succeed and you increase the likelihood that they will do so.

2. Tell them what to expect

One of the best ways to ease a child's anxiety is to provide information about what they can expect at school. Over the school holidays, reinforce what they have already learned about lining up, play areas, routines and other aspects of school they may have experienced during the transition program. In this way your child will be better prepared for what happens when real school starts.

3. Develop your child's independence skills

Children with age-appropriate self-sufficiency skills generally find starting school much easier than children who have always had everything done for them. In the months leading up to the start of school make sure your child knows: how to open and close their lunchbox; how to pack their bag or backpack; how to use the toilet independently; and how to pack away their belongings. Practise eating play lunch and school lunch with your child. Also help them develop the habit of packing up their toys, their dinner plates and their clothes. These simple habits soon become ingrained patterns that will help maximise your child's long-term success at school.



4. Explain what school expects from them

Let your child know that being at school requires some behaviours that may be very different from those required

at home. For instance, there will most likely be different rules and routines. They will probably have to work with many more children, they may have to put up their hand to get a teacher's attention and they may have to wait their turn to be heard. Help them understand that in a classroom they may not be able to do things when they want to – which can come as a shock to some children. These lessons about fitting in will help your child adapt quickly to their new surroundings.

5. Teach social etiquette

School requires children to make friends with other children and also to work and play alongside others. Take the time to explain and role-play the social etiquette that will help your child succeed socially. *“Jeremy, when you want to play with others you need to say, ‘Excuse me! Can I join in your game?’”* Another way for children to learn social etiquette is through play dates, family gatherings and family mealtimes. Also insist that your child shows good manners including using ‘please’ and ‘thank you’, which will aid their continued social development.



6. Familiarise them with the school environment

The scale of the physical environment of a school can be daunting for young children so consider spending some time at school during the holidays so they become familiar with the playground and the buildings. Also make the journey to and from school a number of times prior to the start of school so that they are comfortable when they go on the first day.

7. Develop a goodbye routine

Despite the best start to the school year there will always be those days when a child just doesn't want to go to school. Tears and tantrums are common for many school starters. It helps in these less-than-pleasant situations if you have a goodbye routine that includes a smile, a kiss and/or hug and leaving without looking back. If saying goodbye in the morning continues to be a struggle, seek the advice and help of your child's teacher.



8. Don't forget to develop a hello routine too!

Once school has finished some children just want to relax without talking about school, while others may unload about the events of the day. Follow their lead but regardless of whether your child opens up or closes down make sure they have some downtime so they can relax and unwind. If your child always presents a tale of woe about school (*“I hate school. I'm not going back”*), be patient and remember that children can be faulty observers and don't always see things as they really are. Help them look for the positive or good parts of their day by asking questions such as *“What did you enjoy about today?”*

At times of transition it's worth remembering that some children adapt to change far quicker than others. Some children adapt easily to new routines and new surroundings, while others may take many weeks to feel comfortable with going to school. If the latter is the case for your child, then patience, consistency and exposure to affirming parent networks may be the best allies that you and your child can have.



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.



Happy are the poor.... god's kingdom belongs to you!

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Gospel Lk 6:17. 20-23

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.'



Jesus told his disciples that even though people may be mean to you, as a follower of Christ you will have a great reward in heaven. What do you think your rewards in heaven will be?

Fill in the missing words for each of Jesus' teachings using the pictures as clues. Draw Jesus preaching.

God will bless you people who are _____.

His _____ will belong to you.



God will bless you _____ people.

You will have _____ to eat.

God will bless you people who are

_____. You will _____!

