



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

29 July 2022

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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

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Our Lady's is a Child Safe School

"Christ has no body now but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours."
Attributed to St Teresa of Avila

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Fri 29 July Confirmation for Year 6 at 7.00pm

Fri 29 July Teeth on Wheels

Wed 3 Aug 7.00pm P&F

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Thurs 4 Aug Yr 6 Confirmation Retreat Day

Mon 8 Aug Feast of St Mary of the Cross

Tues 9 Aug Parent Online Cyber-safety Information night at 7:30pm

Wed 10 Aug Teeth on Wheels

Mon 15 Aug Feast of the Assumption

Tues 16 Aug Parent Information night focussed on Writing with Deb Sukarna at 7.00pm at Our Lady's school

Fri 19 Aug Book Week Parade

Fri 19 Aug Year 7 2024 Catholic School Applications close

Wed 31 Aug - Fri 2 Sept Year 5 Camp

Wed 7 Sept 7.00pm PAB

Fri 16 Sept End of Term 3

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE 2022 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

(students do not attend school):

Monday 31 October: Report Writing

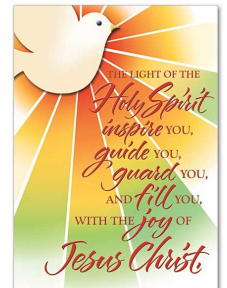
SACRAMENT DATES

Fri 29 July 7.00pm Confirmation (Year 6)

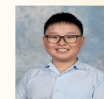
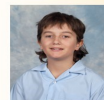
Dear Parents,

I ask you all to keep our Year Six Confirmation candidates (pictured below) in your thoughts and prayers as tonight they will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The students are excited and ready to receive the Holy Spirit into their lives. The staff of Our Lady's are looking forward to witnessing this spiritual milestone in the students' lives.

The Year Six students had been involved (since the last weeks of Term 2 and into Term 3) in designing a garden space to fit in with the new building. Last week they presented their creative and very well thought out plans to Years 3 to 5 students. All of us who attended their presentations were amazed at the detail, research and deep thinking that went into the designs: including incorporating indigenous plants and shrubs, sustainable materials and researching Wurundjeri names for their gardens or names of significant people in the history of our school.



Confirmation Candidates 2022 Please pray for us



Confirmation Prayer

Spirit of God, grant me:

The gift of wisdom to see the world through your eyes,

The gift of counsel to make difficult decisions,

The gifts of knowledge and understanding to use my mind to know you and to love you,

The gift of fortitude to have the courage to live in the faith despite the difficulties and disappointments,

The gift of piety to be able to express my special love and commitment to you,

And the right kind of awesome fear that makes me pause to wonder and revere God's Love. Amen.



Important COVID Update



Education
and Training



Independent
Schools Victoria



Dear parents and carers

We are writing to you as parents/carers of a child or children in government, Catholic and independent schools across Victoria.

The Victorian Department of Health strongly recommends that face masks are worn in indoor settings.

As a result, we are asking all students aged 8 and over and all staff in all schools across Victoria to wear masks when in class (except where removing a mask is necessary for clear communication) from now to the end of winter.

Students won't be required or expected to wear masks when outdoors, and this expectation won't stop student participation in the full range of school activities, including music, sport and performances.

We are asking for your support in explaining to your child or children the importance of this simple step that will help keep our schools as safe as possible.

We also ask that you make sure your child (or children) takes a mask to school (and wears it if they are travelling on public transport) or collects a mask when they arrive at school.

We all appreciate how important it is for students to be back at school. This action will help make sure as many students and staff as possible are protected from COVID and other winter illness.

Thank for your help with this collective effort to keep our communities safe and healthy.

Dr David Howes
Deputy Secretary

Victorian Department of
Education and Training

Michelle Green
Chief Executive

Independent Schools
Victoria

Jim Miles
Executive Director

Catholic Education
Commission of Victoria

Happy Grandparents Day for all the grandparents of Our Lady's School students



This Tuesday was the Feast of St Joachim and St Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Happy Grandparents' Day to all of you who are grandparents! Here is a prayer you may like to pray for your grandparents on this special Grandparents' Day. It is a time to recognise the important role of grandparents in our lives and to thank them for all the love and care they show to us. I see many grandparents bringing their grandchild/children to school each morning and also picking them up after school. Thank you to each and everyone of you!

Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer for Grandparents

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them. Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!

Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani
Principal

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FI

Isabella - For writing an interesting writing piece on going to the forest. Your imagination comes alive in your words. Well done!! *From Ms. Cam Tu*

Edward - For staying focused on your writing goal and making small improvements each day. Keep it up! *From Ms. Cam Tu*

FJ

Rose - For being a great Thinker. You were using your curiosity to find out about light and shadows in Discovery. Fabulous learning, Rose! *From Miss Wendy*

Zephy - For being a wonderful Communicator. You are able to explain your ideas to others in detail. Great work! *From Miss Wendy*

1K

Emily - for displaying the Our Lady's Gospel Value of Courage when preparing to perform in front of the class. *From Miss Shai*

Tony - for always helping your peers with their work when needed. You're a good friend! *From Miss Shai*

1L

Brian N - For showing great improvement in your reading and using stretching snake to sound out your words! Awesome job, keep it up! *From Miss Steph*

Indiana L - For showing the Our Lady's Gospel Value of Service when helping your teachers set up and pack down for Discovery Time. You were so helpful this week! *From Miss Steph*

2M

Justin B - For the enthusiasm you have shown in sharing your ideas with the class and taking a lead role in Discovery by writing a song & singing it in front of the class. Keep it up! *From Mrs Granata & Mrs Mendoza*

Simon L - For your improvement in being a Self-Manager. Well done getting yourself organised and doing your best to focus on your learning! Great work! *From Mrs Granata & Mrs Mendoza*

2N

Damien - for accepting responsibility to carefully pack away iPads and computers. They are so well organised. Well done and thank you! *From Mrs Mitchell*

Benjamin - for accepting responsibility to carefully pack away iPads and computers. They are so well organised. Well done and thank you! *From Mrs Mitchell*

3E

Alexia V - For writing a detailed description about the Our Lady's school Disco. Well done Alexia! *From Miss Karen*

Lincoln B - For writing a procedure about How to Make Shadow Puppets. You showed you really enjoyed the Polyglot Theatre incursion. Good thinking Lincoln! *From Miss Karen*

3F

Andi M - For sharing lots of ideas with the class in Faith Life Inquiry about Pentecost. Well done Andi! *From Miss White*

Jasmine - For being polite, helpful and respectful with teachers and peers. Congratulations Jasmine! *From Miss White*

4G

Lily H - For always being a self-manager and being ready to learn. *From Miss Christine*

Tracey L - For always being so helpful and respectful in the class. *From Miss Christine*

4H

All of 4H- For helping create a greener world by planting lots of trees. Well done, 4H. *From Ms. Robles*

5C

Kingsley- For using the Learning Asset of Thinker by using multiple strategies to solve division problems in Maths class. Well done Kingsley! *From Mr Membrey*

Annie- For using the Learning Asset of Self-Manager in planning your draft in Writing class. Keep it up Annie! *From Mr Membrey*



5D

Harry - For demonstrating Our Lady's Gospel Value of Courage with his learning - always trying to challenge himself! *From Mrs Muscat*

Joy - For displaying Our Lady's Gospel Value of Service by being helpful and taking pride in the way that our classroom is maintained. *From Mrs Muscat*

6A

Kayden N.- For being more active in class, trying to answer questions and take part in class discussions. Keep up the great work! *From Mr Wickham*

Leon A - For being an active participant in class, answering questions and sharing opinions. *From Mr Wickham*

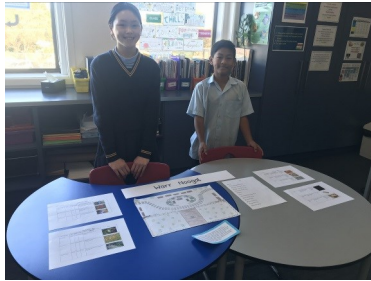
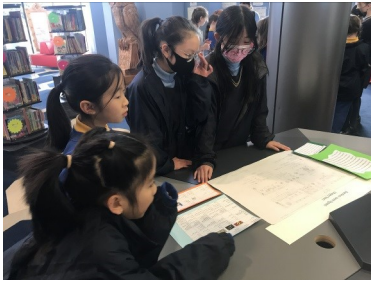
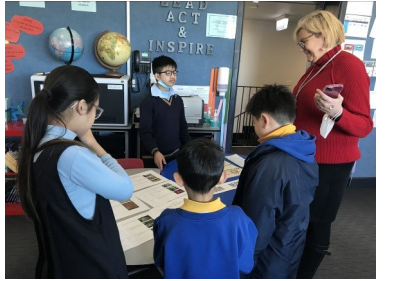
6B

Olivia B - For presenting your Garden Design project at the Year 6 Expo without the help of your partner! You were a great Communicator! *From Ms Gurry*

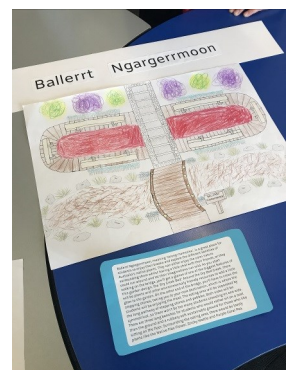
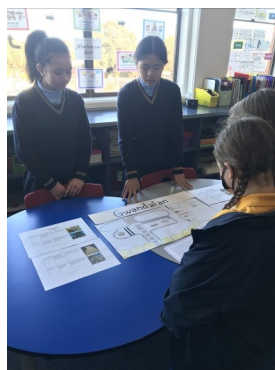
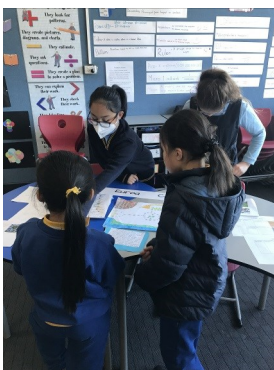
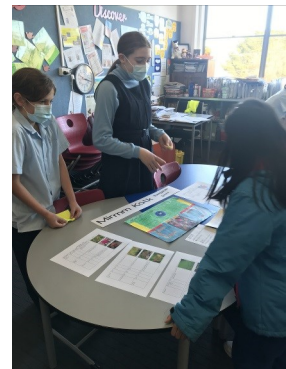
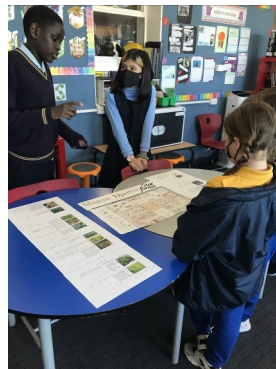
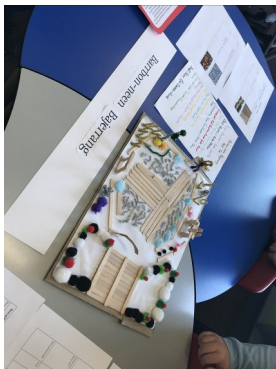
Peter L - For presenting your Garden Design project at the Year 6 Expo without the help of your partner! You handled this last-minute change in a very mature way. Well done! *From Ms Gurry*

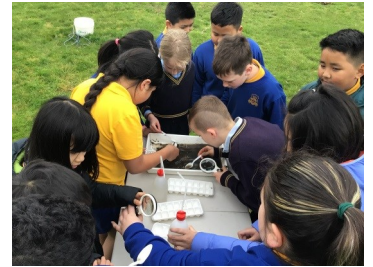


Garang	2N
Sebastian	5D



Year 6 Garden Design Expo





Year 4 Tree Planting



RE News

Scripture Focus Mt 6: 25-34

This Gospel does not say we should not worry about what others eat or drink or have to wear. In fact, we will be judged on whether we gave 'the least' food, shelter, companionship in illness or in prison (Mt 25). In the mid-late 19th century, a young woman was very concerned with the plight of the poor and the marginalised in the colonies which later became the Commonwealth of Australia. Amongst the most obvious necessities of life for these 'least' was schooling of the young, as education is a proven path out of poverty. So, this woman, whose most famous saying was 'never see a need without trying to do something about it', set about remedying that situation.

Who are the oppressed in our particular community? How can you assist them and help them find justice? Are we 'doing our bit' to relieve suffering and bring hope, particularly to those with few choices?

Take some time in a relaxed setting to reflect on this with your family. Take a moment to assess your own experience of bringing good news to the poor.

How do you respond to this challenge? What practical ways can you, as a family, relieve suffering and bring hope?

As we continue the mission of Jesus in our lives, we can be inspired by Mary MacKillop, a remarkable woman who reminds us to make a difference in the lives of others.

"Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God". Mary MacKillop.

~You are invited~

Parish and whole School Mass

Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Monday 8th August 9.00am

All welcome.



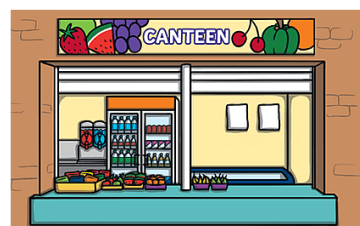
Kriss Oliver

RE/Learning & Teaching Leader

CANTEEN UPDATE

Like everywhere else, the Canteen's food suppliers are having trouble providing us with all the items we order for our school lunches at the Canteen each week. Unfortunately some popular items may be restricted in numbers or not available when you go onto QKR to order lunch. If an item is not on the app, it means it has sold out for that day or wasn't delivered and not available for the week. We thank you for your understanding!

If anyone has any spare time to help out in the Canteen (even just for an hour) please either see Geraldine or Nubia at the Canteen or email Geraldine on gwilliams@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au



SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 school fees are now due and be paid at the Office (EFTPOS, cash) or by direct transfer to our bank account (details on your statement).

Direct Debit payments will continue to be processed on the scheduled dates as previously advised.



For Your Information...

Accessibility

If you need help or cannot board a replacement bus, please contact PTV on 1800 800 007 before you travel or speak to our staff at the bus stop for alternative transport to be arranged at no cost.

Bikes and pets

Bicycles, dogs (with the exception of animals identified by an Assistance Animal Pass) and surfboards are not allowed on train replacement buses.

Ticketing

Where possible, you should touch on and off at the beginning and end of your journey. When catching train replacement buses, you can touch on and off at your connecting train station.



Construction progress on the level crossing removal at Gap Road, Sunbury.

For more information visit ptv.vic.gov.au or call 1800 800 007.

If you're deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment, contact us through the National Relay Service – for more information, visit relayservice.gov.au



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VICTORIA'S
BIG BUILD

Buses replace trains on the Sunbury Line

8pm Saturday 13 to
Tuesday 23 August



We're upgrading the Sunbury Line

As part of Victoria's Big Build, we're upgrading the Sunbury Line, allowing bigger, more modern trains to run more often on the line.

As we bring the pieces together, buses replace trains between Sunshine and Sunbury from 8pm Saturday 13 to last service Tuesday 23 August.

Please allow an extra 35 minutes travel time.

Coaches also replace regional trains on the Bendigo, Echuca and Swan Hill lines during this time.

Plan your journey at ptv.vic.gov.au or by calling 1800 800 007.

Sunshine Station Impacts

At Sunshine Station, buses depart from the Sun Crescent car park.

The Sun Crescent car park is closed during this time. The station car parks at Station Place and City Place remain open.

Road disruptions in the Sunbury area

We're also removing the Gap Road level crossing and upgrading Sunbury Road, reducing congestion and making it easier to get around. While we work, Gap Road will be closed and there will be local road disruptions with detours in place until October.

Local shopping precincts will remain open during construction.

For detailed disruptions in the Sunbury area, visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/SunburyWorks

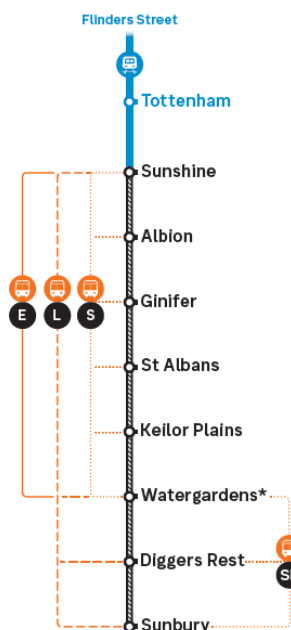
We appreciate your patience while we remove the Gap Road level crossing.

Bus replacement services

E Express **L** Limited Express **SH** Shuttle

Between Sunshine and Sunbury Weekdays

First service Monday 15 to
last service Tuesday 23 August



Shuttle service only operates first service to 10am and 2pm to 8pm weekdays

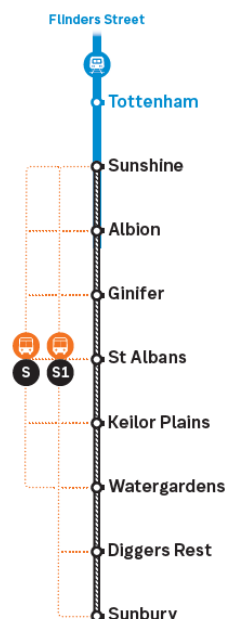
*Limited Express only stops at Watergardens between 10am and 2pm, and from 8pm to last service

S **S1** Stopping all stations

Between Sunshine and Sunbury Weekends

8pm Saturday 13 August to
last service Sunday 14 August

First service Saturday 20 August to
last service Sunday 21 August



Buses also replace trains on other sections of the Sunbury Line in August



SAVE THE DATE



Tuesday, 16th August 2022

7pm

Our Lady's Primary School

A Writer's Workshop information evening for parents hosted by Deb Sukarna

Deb has been a leading educator for 37 years and has presented professional development programs for State, Catholic and Independent schools. She has worked in the United States and has co-authored a number of books on literacy education. In 2011, Deb was the recipient of the ACEL Hedley Beare Educator of the Year Award and received a Fellowship in Leadership from ACEL in 2014. Deb has been both a Primary Principal and Principal of a Balinese Community School. She has recently retired from Ivanhoe Grammar School as Head of Plenty Campus (Prep to Year 12) and Deputy Principal of Ivanhoe Grammar School (2004-2016). Deb has an expertise and passion for literacy and her workshops are based on her own classroom practice from ELC to Year 9.

How can I help my child with their writing?

What's a Writer's Notebook?



How do children learn to write?

Why do students use seeds for writing?

How is the Writer's Workshop organised?

HERE'S WHAT THE KIDS ARE UP TO AT EXTEND!



MAKING HEALTHY SNACKS!



COOL ARTS & CRAFTS!



GETTING MESSY!

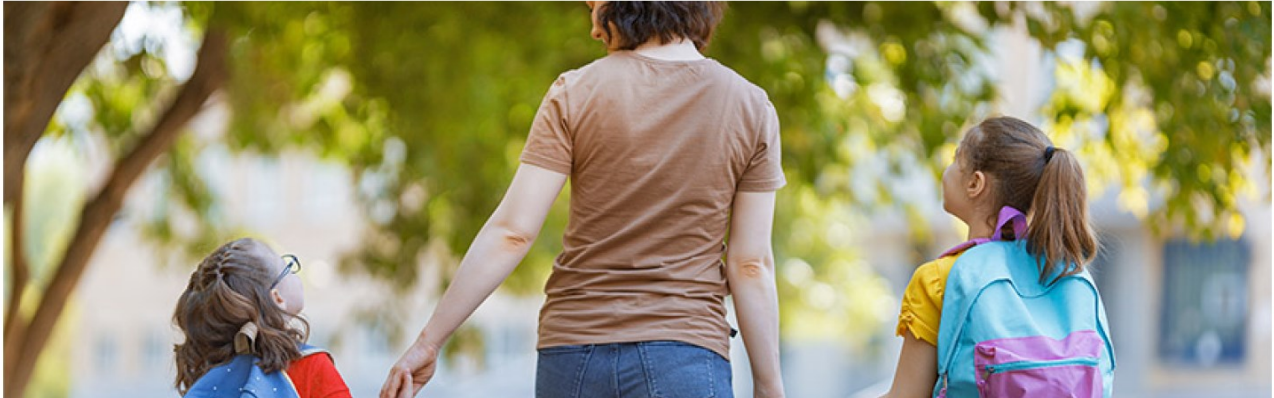


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INSIGHTS

On time, every day



During the current COVID-19 pandemic parents are rightfully urged to take a cautious approach and keep children and young people at home if they show symptoms of the virus.

It's a balancing act if you're a parent as one the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time. It sounds simple, but it's true. The correlation between school attendance and children's achievement levels is well established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success. Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools.

According to a report by the Australian Curriculum and Assessment authority nearly 13 per cent of Australian students are missing at least one year of schooling by the time they reach year 10. In today's highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

It's reassuring to know that you can maximise their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And, of course, regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with no excuse.

As a parent:

- Commit to sending kids to school every day
- Make sure kids arrive at school and class on time
- Inform the school when they are away, sending medical certificates and other evidence of genuine absence
- Follow current COVID-19 health guidelines and recommendations
- Consider catching-up on missed work
- Make kids who are away stay in their bedroom, which is where unwell kids should be



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's an award-winning speaker and the author of 12 books for parents including *Spoonfed Generation*, and the bestselling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*. Michael is a former teacher with 15 years experience, and has 30 years experience in parenting education. He also holds a Master of Educational Studies from Monash University specialising in parenting education.



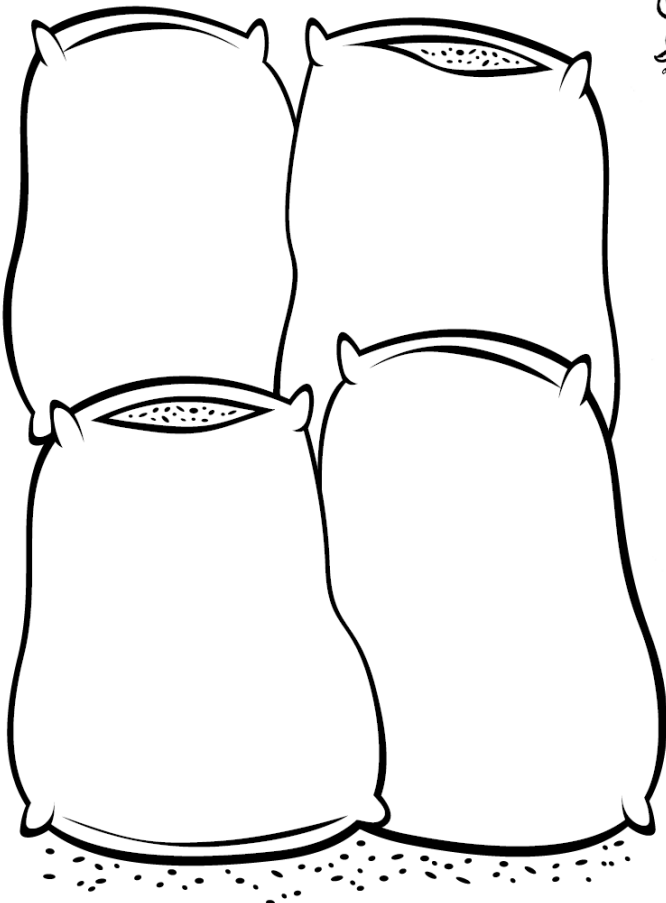
Gospel Luke 12:13-21

Jesus told the crowd a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for

many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

In what ways can we be "rich" rather than "poor" in the sight of God?

Write an answer on each sack of grain.



Which two of these farmers are the same?

