

OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

12 May 2023

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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 School Phone: 9312 2230

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

Our Lady's is a Child Safe School

'God saw everything he had made, and indeed it was good.' Genesis 1:31

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sun 14 May Mother's Day Fri 19 May Walk Safely to School Day

Mon 22 May Athletics Day at Keilor Athletics Track

Tues 23 May 7.00pm PAB Meeting

Sat 27 May P&F Bunnings BBQ

Mon 29 May 2.10pm Parent Dance Class with Andy

Wed 7-Thur 15 June Life Ed Van at school

Mon 12 June King's Birthday Public Holiday

Wed 21 June 3.30-6.00pm Three Way Learning Conversations

Thurs 22 June 8.00-3.30pm Three Way Learning Conversations

Fri 23 June End of Term 2 at 1.00pm

SACRAMENTS

Sun 21 May: 10.30am Eucharist for Year 4
Thur 24 Aug: 7.00pm Confirmation for Year 6

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS - PUPIL FREE DAYS

Thur 22 Jun: Three Way Learning Conversations Fri 28 Jul: RE with Maria

Mon 6 Nov: Report Writing

Dear Parents

Yesterday the Parents and Friends committee ran a very successful Mother's Day Stall. Thank you to all those parent volunteers who helped to run the stall and to everyone who contributed to making the gifts that the students purchased.

I would also like to thank the Events committee (Sam, Bella, Ryan and Harrison in Year 6) for organising a wonderfully successful morning tea for the mums and grandmothers of Our Lady's school. The students came up with the idea and they were amazed at the number of mums and grand mothers that attended. It was lovely to see so many happy faces and to see the mums and grand mothers enjoying their tea and scones, having a chat with each other and enjoying their morning treat. It was our way of letting all mums and grand mothers know just how appreciated they are. We wish all those who provide love and care (mums, aunts and grand mothers) to the children of Our Lady's school a very happy



Mother's Day. May Our Lady bless you all on your special day and always.

IMPORTANT UPDATE

On Monday the 22nd of May extensive sewerage works will begin. We have been advised that this important next step to realizing our new building will take 5 to 6 weeks to complete.

As a result of this work it will be necessary to close Station Place to traffic other than the residents who live in the street. It will only be open to pedestrians.

As you know our children's safety is of the utmost importance so I have been in discussion with the Brimbank council to ensure that proper safety measures are put into place. The council is looking into making Victoria Street a drop off and pick up zone between 8.00-9.00am in the mornings and 2.30-3.30pm in the afternoons so that no one can park along the side of the school during those times. This will free up Victoria Street so that our parents can remain in their cars and quickly drop off and pick up their child. It will help to keep the traffic flowing safely.

Mother's Day Prayer

Lord, thank you for all mothers. For the new ones, who endure sleepless nights with infants in arms. For the busy ones, who juggle the pressures of home and family life. For the steadfast ones, who nurture and care for our special vulnerable children. For the patient ones, who always seek to forgive and engage with their children. For the persistent ones, who cleverly find new ways to connect with their mini-adults. For the mother aunts, who step in to cradle and care for nieces and nephews. For all grandmas, who love and support their precious grandchildren. For the foster mums that are called to gather and cover the fragile ones. Thank you Lord for all our beautiful mothers. Help us to support them and keep them in our prayers. May you bless them now on this their special day. Amen

IMPORTANT UPDATE CONTINUED...

The leadership team and myself have decided that in order to ensure all students' safety we will need to have a staggered release time at the end of the day. These will be organised alphabetically according to surnames and students will leave together with their siblings.

If you are picking your child up by car you will need to do so from the Victoria Street gate only and if you are walking to pick up your child you may do so from the main office gate or the church gate.

I have included a detailed safety plan which will be put into place throughout the sewer works. You will find it below. In summary the drop off time in the morning will remain the same 8:20-8:35am. You can use the drop off point in Victoria Street or park in surrounding streets and walk your child through the gate near the church, Victoria Street gate or you can walk to the office gate.

OUR STAGGERED FINISH TIMES WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY 22 MAY UNTIL THE END OF TERM 2.

Please take the time to read our detailed safety plan below and follow all the instructions. It will be very important that you do so that we can ensure the safety of all students and reduce the traffic congestion as much as possible.



Station Place

Due to Station Place being closed due to sewer works, drop offs and pickups with your a car a will need to occur on Victoria Street only.

Please note that due to Station Place being closed, an increase in traffic will occur on Victoria Street. We encourage you to park P in the surrounding streets and walk , accessing the gate

near the Church or the office gate on Station Place, which are available to pedestrians 🌡 .

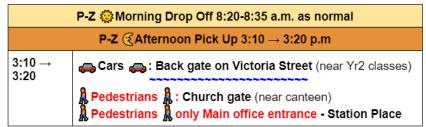
A-K Morning Drop Off 8:20-8:35 a.m. as normal

A-K Afternoon Pick Up 2:50 → 3:00 p.m.

2:50 → 3:00 Cars : Back gate on Victoria Street (near Yr2 classes)

Pedestrians : Church gate (near canteen)
Pedestrians only Main office entrance -

L-O Morning Drop Off 8:20-8:35 a.m. as normal	
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	Pedestrians Church gate (near canteen) Pedestrians only Main office entrance - Station Place



• To make pick ups easier, the eldest child must collect their brothers/sisters so they can leave together.

PLEASE READ FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE NEXT PAGE



We need your help for child safety.





- It is important that parents come at their designed pick up time <u>only</u>.
- Please do NOT park in the pick up zone on Victoria Street. Parked cars block other cars causing much congestion in our pick up zone.
- To make it easier, please try and park at one of the side streets close by (Martin St, Whitty St, Tyler St, Servante St, Robinson St, McKay St, Donald St) and walk to pick up your child using any of the gate entrances.



Our Lady's School Bunnings Barbecue
On Saturday the 27th of May at the
Sunshine Bunnings store.

Please come and support our Parents and Friends who have organised this fund raising event.



YEAR SIX LEADERSHIP BADGES

"The greatest among you will be your servant."

Matthew 23: 11

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve others"

Matthew 20:28

The Year Six Student Leadership Badge is awarded to students who show leadership based on the Servant Leadership Model as lived by Jesus, serving others before self. This model has been lived out by the saints, including Mary MacKillop who said, "Never see a need without doing something about it."

The Leadership Badge is awarded for consistent, sustained and purposeful leadership within the classroom, on the playground and in all school activities such as interschool sport.

Congratulations to











Tessa M

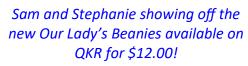
Nathan L

Aria W

Evelyn L

Sophie D





Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani

Principal

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NEW UNIFORM ITEM!

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UPCOMING TERM 2 PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS FOR STAFF PUPIL FREE DAYS

Thur 22 Jun: Three Way Learning Conversations (only need to come for your appointment time)
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:
Mon 12 June - King's Birthday





FI

Ren - For showing improvement as a Self-Manager and trying to follow directions. Keep it up!! From Ms. Cam Tu & Mrs Granata

Audrey - For being attentive and listening to instructions. Well done for showing improvement as a Self Manager. *From Ms. Cam Tu & Mrs Granata*

FJ

Sean - For being a great Collaborator. You worked cooperatively with a friend to play a game in Discovery Time. Well done! *From Miss Wendy*

Akar - For showing the Gospel Value of Respect by holding the door open for others. Well done! From Miss Wendy

1K

Maria - for displaying the Our Lady's Gospel Values of Peace and Compassion. You are always looking out for others and doing exactly what has been asked of you. *From Miss Shai*

Ryan - for being a great Researcher when you investigated facts about different kinds of birds during Discovery Learning. *From Miss Shai*

1L

Lan P - For showing the Learning Asset of Thinker when adding to your drawing of a penguin. You did a great job at showing how we can add to our thinking when we learn new information. *From Miss Steph*

Grace L - For showing the Gospel Value of Service. You are always considerate of others and take initiative to help out! *From Miss Steph*

2M

Sophie N - For demonstrating the Gospel Value of Service to help someone who was in need. Your kindness never goes unnoticed. *From Ms Rochelle*

Eddy F - For demonstrating the Gospel Value of Courage for always putting your hand up to share and try new things. Always keep trying your best! *From Ms Rochelle*

2N

Indiana L- For using great research skills when investigating facts about the snow leopard. You have combined your keen observation skills at the zoo and locating information in written texts. Well done. From Mrs Mitchell

Samara S - For your positive and joyful approach to each day. It sends a happy vibe through our class. From Mrs Mitchell

3E

Anthony V - For being an excellent self-manager. You are so hardworking and will always be up for a challenge. Well done! *From Ms Howe & Mrs Mendoza*

Evelyn L - For trying your best in all areas of your learning. Well done asking for help when you need it! Keep it up! *From Ms Howe & Mrs Mendoza*

3F

Van C - For displaying a positive attitude when it comes to your learning. You complete learning tasks to the best of your ability. *From Mr Josh*

David L - For being an active member of the classroom. Keep sharing your wonderful ideas. *From Mr Josh*

4G

Danny B For displaying the Our Lady's School value of Service by helping willingly to pack away classroom equipment. Well done Danny! *From Ms Karen* **Imogen T** For taking pride in your handwriting. The presentation of your written work is done beautifully. Well done Imogen! *From Ms Karen*



4H

Emily- For displaying a growth mindset when completing learning activities. Keep it up! *From Ms. Robles*

Natalie- For being a thinker when creating equivalent number sentences. Well done! From Ms. Robles

5C

Rhys- For being an incredible role model for other students in 5C. Well done Rhys! *From Mr Membrey* **Andrew**- For being a collaborator by initiating discussions with your classmates in Maths class. *From Mr Membrey*

5D

Delilah - For being an excellent self-manager during independent learning time. Keep it up! *From Ms Gurry* **Grace** - For the great focus and effort you have shown during dance sessions. You are doing an amazing job! Well done! *From Ms. Gurry*

6A

Zack T- For participating more in small group discussions ... keep it up Zack! *From Mr Wickham* **Lucas D-** For showing signs of Servant Leadership and being positive in class. *From Mr Wickham*

6B

Don - For his enthusiastic attitude towards learning and demonstrating the Servant Leader Attribute of Stewardship in the way he authentically assists others. *From Mrs Muscat*

Sebastian - For displaying the Our Lady's Gospel Values of Respect and Compassion by being a thoughtful listener when interacting with others. Well done! *From Mrs Muscat*



FI: Lucy V FJ: Casper C

1K: Will B 2N: Chanel C

3E: Anthony V

4H: Natalie N 5C Ruby L











































































First Eucharist





























































































































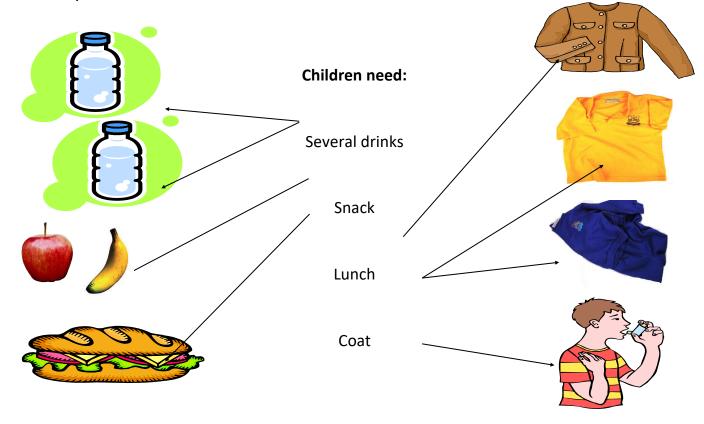
Whole School Athletics Day - Monday 22 2023

Keilor Athletics Track, Stadium Drive Keilor 9.15am - 2.00pm **ALL WELCOME!!!**



REMINDERS

- * ALL children need to be wearing their sport uniform.
- * T-shirts or ribbons in their house colours are allowed (red, blue, green or yellow)
- * No child will be permitted to go home from the Athletics track
- No lunch orders or canteen available. Children need to bring all food and drink in a bag.
 No glass or cans are permitted
- * Parents and Helpers need to make their own way to the Athletics Track. There will not be any room on the bus.



SAVE THE DATE:

Walk Safely to School Day NEXT Friday 19th May 2023







For the ninth year, the children and families of Our Lady's are invited to participate in *Walk Safely to School Day*. This is an Australia wide event, where all primary school aged children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. This is a wonderful opportunity for our families to walk to school together and discuss safety issues when crossing a road. It is also an opportunity for extra exercise in the morning which may also help ease traffic congestion on the roads around our school. Plus, it's also great for the environment!

Some families live close by the school and are regular walkers anyway, which is fantastic, we will hopefully see you walking to school on this day. However, even if you live much further away, we encourage you to park the car *a few streets away* from the school and take the time on Walk Safely to School Day to walk those extra few blocks to school together.

Teachers will be at the entrance gates in the morning to give each student who walks to school a special token provided to us, which will enable the student to go into a special raffle for an exciting prize - a Rebel Sport voucher. There will be one per class!

Please join us and remember to walk safely to school on Friday 19th May 2023!

Regards Mrs Carabott

INTERSCHOOL SPORT - WINTER DRAW



Round 3 May 19 Home Our Lady's vs Harvester Round 4 May 26 Away St Paul's Vs Our Lady's

Round 5 June 2 Home Our Lady's vs Sunshine Heights Round 6 June 9 Home Our Lady's vs Sunshine North

Round 7 June 16 Home Our Lady's vs Albion Soccer Finals, no Football

Please note for home games football and T-Ball is being played at Dempster Park Sunshine North NOT at Parsons Reserve



BRING A FRIEND!

Sunshine Auskick Centre

Friday 12th May
5pm-6pm
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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.



The Holy Spirit will help you and always be with you

6th Sunday of Easter, Year A

Jesus loves us and asks us to keep his commandments. Name some of the commandments.

Gosne

Jn 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him:

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them

will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.



The Spirit will show you what is true

Answer the following questions True or False

Jesus only loves those who do good deeds.

> The Holy Spirit is always with us. _

God sent the Holy Spirit to help the disciples.

Jesus said "You should not love your enemies".

The disciples received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.