



## OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10 August 2017

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Parish Priest: Fr. Peter-Damien McKinley  
Principal: Ms. Patrizia Bertani  
Parish Mass Times: Saturday 6:00pm  
Sunday 9:00am, 10:30am & 5:30pm  
School Phone: 9312 2230  
School website: [www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au)  
*Our Lady's is a Child Safe School*

*"Everything they owned was held in common." Acts 4:32*

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Mon 14-Fri 18 Aug**

Italian Week

**Tues 15 Aug**

Feast of the Assumption Mass  
at 9:30 a.m

**Fri 18 Aug**

9.00am General Learning Walk  
Parish Movie

**Mon 21-Fri 25 Aug**

Book Week - Escape to Every-  
where

**Mon 21 Aug**

Book Week Parade 9:00 am

**Tues 22 Aug**

District Athletics

**Wed 23 Aug**

Open Doors Grade 3-6 Parent  
and Student Evening Session

**Fri 25 Aug**

Catholic Secondary College  
Year 7 2019 Applications close

**Wed 30 Aug**

Reconciliation Parent Night

**Thurs 31 Aug**

Father's Day Stall

**Fri 1 Sept**

Father's Day Assembly 2.30pm

**Wed 6 Sept**

P&F Meeting

**Fri 8th Sept**

Professional Learning Day: Reli-  
gious Education—NO school  
for students

**Wed 13 Sept**

PAB Meeting

**Thurs 21 Sept**

Susan McLean Cyber Safety  
Parent Workshop 7.00-8.30pm

**Fri 22 Sept**

Our Lady's Show Day  
AOM Assembly  
End of Term 3 at 3.15pm.

### **SACRAMENTS 2017**

Reconciliation (Year 3)

Thursday 14 September

Confirmation (Year 6)

Friday 17 November



Dear Parents,

On Tuesday we celebrated the feast day of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop. As a school community, we celebrated a very special Liturgy of the Word in the church, which was prepared by the Year 5 students. Thank-you to Mrs Rochetich, Ms Wellington, Mrs Majczak, Ms Lipski and the Year 5 students for all their preparation in organising our spiritual gathering to celebrate Australia's first saint.

On this Feast day I always think of the Sisters of St. Joseph who handed us—the community of Our Lady's— a beautiful gift in the form of the charism of their founder, St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

The Sisters of St. Joseph were here at Our Lady's School for 72 years and have left us with a very rich and inspiring legacy. The charism is still very strong at Our Lady's and we are very proud to keep the legacy alive at Our Lady's School. I ask you all to pray for all the Sisters of St. Joseph who are continuing the good work of St Mary MacKillop who dedicated her life to justice and serving those who were the most vulnerable.

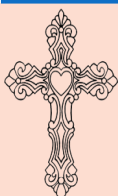
*Think of Mother Mary MacKillop and learn from her to be a gift of love and compassion to one another. For all Australians and for the world. (Pope John Paul II, January 19 1995)*

### **100 Days of Foundation Celebration**

Last Thursday afternoon, our Foundation students celebrated 100 days of being at school. Mrs Kath Mitchell and Ms Natalie Severino have been working with the Foundation students to prepare a range of items which resulted in a lovely celebration. Thank-you to Mrs Mitchell and Ms Severino for all your work in making the event simply gorgeous. The children really did shine as they were singing and going through the banner. I would also like to thank the Year 6 teachers; Mr Tim Wickham, Ms Jessica Steele and the Year 6 students for supporting their Foundation buddy. One of my favourite moments was watching all the Foundation students go through the banner! It was such a delight. Foundation I and J loved going back to their room to find their classrooms full of balloons for them to take home. The rooms were buzzing!



**SAVE THE DATE— Thursday 21st of September 7pm-8:30pm Susan McLean Cyber Safety – Parent Information Session In the Father John Maher Auditorium <http://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au/>**



Bountiful and loving God, You the filled the heart of Mary MacKillop with compassionate love for those who are in need and those at the margins of our society. Inspired by her example, may we lead by your Spirit to reach out to our brothers and sisters. Give us generous hearts to respond to the cries of those who are poor in our community and in our world. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen  
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## Learning Experiences.



There have been quite a few special events, incursions and excursions over the past few days.

Monday was a very busy day indeed! The Foundation Students were involved in an incursion relating to cultural dance. Our Year 1 students went to the Museum as a learning provocation focusing on their Faith-Life Inquiry unit. The students were immersed in a learning experience called 'Grandad's Shed'. Students were able to identify with two Koorie children visiting their grandparents near the Murray River. A rich collection of objects relating to culture and identity was explored.

Our Year 5 students have been involved with an ongoing project this year with a local artist, Geoffrey Ricardo. Students have heard Geoffrey speak, viewed his art work and gained inspiration from him as an artist. Our Year 5s have been working on their own sculptures with our very own talented Miss Pina. On Monday afternoon, the students went to the Louis Joel Gallery in Altona to see their sculptures in the art exhibition. Thank-you to Greg Woolford, our Western Cluster Engagement Leader, who initiated this project earlier in the year. The students loved seeing their art sculptures on display. We definitely have many, many talented artists at Our Lady's School. Congratulations one and all!

On Wednesday evening, we held our annual school disco where many students danced the time away!

A huge THANK-YOU to our P&F committee for all their help and support in organising drinks and treats for all the students. Thank-you also for treating the students to a 'tube' to celebrate St Mary MacKillop's Feast Day.

Our P&F group do a lot of work to support Our Lady's School and provide treats and opportunities for the students across the year. The P&F committee are currently finalising the Father's Day Stall, the Father's Day Raffle and Show Bag's for the students to order. More information on Father's Day and show bag orders will be coming soon!



**Many special events at OLPS—check out the photos in today's newsletter edition!**

## Upcoming events

**We invite you to attend some great events that are happening at Our Lady's.**

### Assembly—tomorrow

At tomorrow's assembly, the Year 1 students will be sharing some of their learning. We will also have a special guest, Sr Jeanne Dwyer from St Joseph's corner. Our school captains will be presenting Sr Jeanne with the money raised on Tuesday (including additional donations from Parish Movie Day and the school)) to support their work at Joseph's corner. A total of \$1500.00 will be donated, which is an amazing amount. We hope you can join us at our weekly assembly.



### Granary Art Exhibition

For the past few years, we have been involved in the Granary Art Exhibition organised by Gallery Sunshine Everywhere. Commencing this weekend, 28 of our students will have the privilege of having their work exhibited at the local Granary café. We will be having an opening on Monday 14th August from 3:45p.m. All are welcome to pop in for a cuppa.

### Community Classroom



On Tuesday afternoon, we have a special Community Classroom Afternoon. The focus in all classrooms will be on Italian as we are also celebrating Italian week at our school. I am sure Ms Bertani is having many special 'Italian' moments on her holiday! Ms Federica has been preparing some very exciting personalised activities for your child to share with you. We hope you enjoy them together. We look forward to seeing you from 3:00 p.m on Tuesday 15th August.

Next week, we invite you to attend some great events that are happening.

## Upcoming events

### General Learning Walk.

For the past couple of weeks, I have mentioned the General Learning Walk in the newsletter. The General Learning Walk will provide you with an opportunity to see several learning opportunities across the school. All families were sent an invitation with an RSVP attached earlier in the week. If you are planning on coming, please send your RSVP by Tuesday 15th August.



### Open Doors Years 3-6 Family Night

On Wednesday 23rd August, we will be having our second session in the Wonder of Living Family Enrichment Program. Parents of students in Years 3-6 are encouraged to attend with their child. Separate information has been sent home to all families in years 3-6 and we ask that RSVP forms be sent back as soon as possible. Thank-you in advance. We look forward to seeing you there.



### Professional Learning Day

On Friday 8th September, the staff of Our Lady's will be engaged in professional learning focusing on Religious Education. The facilitator for the day will be Cath Boyle who is extremely experienced and will be enriching the staff with further learning regarding the Church traditions and history. Please mark this date in your diaries.

### Book Week Parade

Another reminder about our upcoming Book Week Parade on Monday 21st August. Having everyone dress up as a character always makes our parade so much fun.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week.

Yours sincerely,

*Christine Carabott*

**Mrs Christine Carabott**

**Acting Principal**

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GALLERY SUNSHINE  
TURNS 10 IN 2017

**INVITATION**  
ANNUAL EXHIBITION AT  
GRANARY CAFE  
2 Devonshire Road, Sunshine

Our Lady's Primary School,  
Sunshine.  
12 August - 2 September

Opening Event:  
Monday, 14 August,  
3.45pm - 6pm

ALL WELCOME

[www.gallerysunshine.com](http://www.gallerysunshine.com)

Image by Emily, Grade 4

Information: Maureen Ryan [mryan@gallerysunshine.com](mailto:mryan@gallerysunshine.com) Tel: 0412 218 974  
Granary Cafe opens 8.00 am - 5.00 pm daily and dinner Fri - Sat.



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# Year 1 Excursion





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# Year 5 Art Gallery

A highlight for our Grade 5 children this week was joining internationally renowned artist Geoffrey Ricardo to together exhibit their sculptures at Lewis Joel Art Gallery in Altona.

Geoffrey was commissioned by Toyota in Altona in 2016 to create a series of large outdoor sculptures that have recently been positioned along Kororoit Creek.

Along with Mother of God and St Theresa's Primary schools, our children were inspired by the nearby Kororoit Creek, to create similar artworks to Geoffrey's and write about what the creek and surrounding areas meant to them.

Combining student learning about our local environment, inspiration from meeting Geoffrey in his studio and at school, the students were led by our passionate and talented art teacher Pina McDonald to make wonderful sculptures.

A big congratulations to the children for all your hard work to both be exhibiting with Geoffrey and featuring in sumptuous photo book, that showcases the children's work.

If you would like to see the book please see Pina in the Art Room at school.

*Greg Woolford*

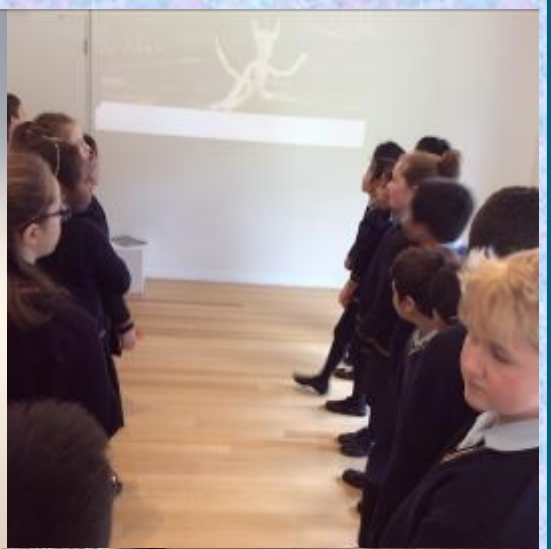
Family School Partnerships





# Year 5 Art Gallery





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# Foundation Incursion



## DISCO TIME!!





Our Lady's Parents & Friends Committee  
will be holding their annual Father's Day stall on  
**Thursday 31 August**

Children will be able to purchase special gifts ranging from  
**50c to \$6.00**

for their wonderful Dads, Grandpas & Carers.

Please send along money on the day (not more than \$10).

For more information or for any questions, please email us at [parents@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au](mailto:parents@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au)

Helpers required to set up the night before (Wednesday 30 August) and on the day from 9am. Remember to wear your current Working With Children Check (WWC) and sign in at the office.

**Donations needed** - if you have any new items that you can give, please drop them off at the school canteen

**Father's day raffle** – tickets only \$1, available to purchase on QKR. Will be drawn at the Father's Day assembly.

1st prize - modern canvas backpack

2nd prize - wallet gift pack

3rd prize – travel mug gift pack

Yes! I would love to help at the Father's Day stall.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone no: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's class: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Our Lady's School Sunshine Show Day

## 22 September 2017

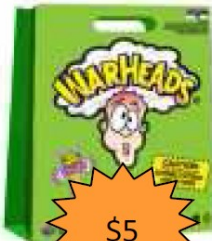


As part of our **Show Day** celebrations, all children will be able to:  
purchase a show bag and/or a slice of pizza.

- All show bags are \$5 and the pizza is \$2.
- The pizza will be given out at lunch time.
- Show bags can be purchased for siblings not at school.
- All orders should be placed via QKR.



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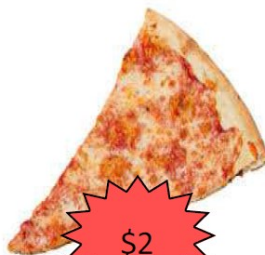
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All orders to be completed and  
paid for by **Friday 25 August.**



## YMCA CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS OSHC



### PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

For all **Bookings** and **Cancellations** please call us directly on **0401 700 401**

Email us: [ourladysoshc@ymca.org.au](mailto:ourladysoshc@ymca.org.au)

For any **Account Information** please call our office on: **8371 0500**

[www.childrensprogram.ymca.org.au](http://www.childrensprogram.ymca.org.au)

#### TERM 3 WEEK 5 14TH AUGUST 2017

<b>Monday</b> <b>Staff: Brad, Hang</b>	<b>Inside:</b> Make your own Windmill Designing & Making Paper Planes <b>Outside:</b> Relays Playground and Group Games	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Lamingtons
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>Staff: Brad, Lucette, Michelle Hang</b>	<b>Inside:</b> Sunglasses Creations Making 3D Vehicles <b>Outside:</b> Group Games Playground and Soccer	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Rice Cakes
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Staff: Brad, Hang, Chelsea</b>	<b>Inside:</b> 3D Hearts Autumn Activity Sheets <b>Outside:</b> Tabloid Sports Playground and Group Games	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Cheese and Crackers
<b>Thursday</b> <b>Staff: Brad, Michelle Hang, Chelsea</b>	<b>Inside:</b> Bookmarks Making Pop Up Cards <b>Outside:</b> Cricket Playground and AFL Footy <b>Homework + Readers</b>	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Sandwiches
<b>Friday</b> <b>Staff: Michelle, Marlene-Brad, Hang</b>	<b>Children's Choice:</b> Games, Activities Inside & Out. <b>Cooking Pizza Bread with Jennie</b> <b>Cooking Honey Joys with Marlene</b>	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Variety of Biscuits

A variety of seasonal fruit and vegetables are always offered to children for afternoon snack! A variety of arts, crafts, board games, construction, recreational activities, sensory and imaginary play opportunities are available every day for children to choose. **Homework & Home Readers Time** – Our YMCA staff are there to encourage home readers and homework and most days we set aside a time to encourage this!

If you or someone else is picking up your child (children) early from school and they are not attending the after school care, please let OSHC Team know. Please remember children need to bring their school hat (Broadbrim or Legionaries Hat) from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> May and sunscreen will need to be applied when playing outside.

**Bookings and Cancellations:** It is important to book your child's place so we can plan and expect their arrival at Before and After School Care. To ensure the safety of your child please notify us of any absences or additional days of care **via the My Family Lounge Portal** <http://www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au/enrol/my-family-lounge-sign-in.html> As a reminder please note that

**MARIAN COLLEGE Sunshine West**  
is now accepting enrolments for girls entering  
Year 7 in 2019

**Enrolments for Year 7 2019 CLOSE on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**Special Open morning Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 9am**  
**Bookings 9363 1711**

For further information about the College visit [www.mariansw.catholic.edu.au](http://www.mariansw.catholic.edu.au)



**MARIAN COLLEGE**  
celebrating



*60 Years of Catholic Girls' Education*



**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Our Lady's Primary School**

**School Closure Day**

**Outside School Hours Care – 8.30am to 6.00pm**

Our Lady's OSHC would like to offer families the opportunity to enrol children into a full day of care on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

For existing families, if you would like your child to attend, please enrol your child by seeing our OSHC Team in the OSHC Room and complete your details on the sign-up sheet or go online by **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017**.

For families who haven't enrolled their children into Our Lady's OSHC, please visit our online website <http://www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au/enrol/my-family-lounge-sign-in.html> to complete the enrolment form, then email [ourladysoshc@ymca.org.au](mailto:ourladysoshc@ymca.org.au) to express your interest, by **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017**.

The cost for the full day of care will be \$59.00 per child minus CCB/CCR benefits.

**If we have 15 children booked in on the sign-up sheet, we will be able to go ahead with School Closure Day.**

However, if there are not enough children booked in, all parents/guardians, who placed their details on the sign-up sheet, will be notified by email on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017**.

There will be arrange of activities during the day including but not limited to:

Outside Play weather permitting	Art and Craft	Sporting Games
Free Play	Blocks, Board and Card Games	

If you have any questions please contact me in person or ring 0401 700 401 or email [ourladysoshc@ymca.org.au](mailto:ourladysoshc@ymca.org.au)

Kind regards,

## Shopping Tour - Our Lady's Annual Shopping Tour – Saturday 14 October 2017



Come join us for a day of good food, great company and fantastic shopping!!!

For \$72 you will be provided with freshly baked morning and afternoon tea, a 2-course lunch, coach transfers and entry to all outlets.

Various Outlets will be visited with a mixture of fashion wear, bags & leather goods, manchester, home and kitchen wares, shoes and skincare, etc....–The tour will be individually tailored to our group.

Get a head start on your Christmas shopping or just enjoy a great day shopping with friends and help raise funds for the school at the same time with a percentage of sales paid back to school.

To secure your place, please email names of people wishing to attend to [gina.bill@hotmail.com](mailto:gina.bill@hotmail.com)

A \$40 deposit per person is required by 31 August 2017 with balance of \$32 payable by 21 September 2017. Payments to be made via Qkr App or alternatively please call Gina on 0414 535 729 to make alternative payment arrangements or if further information is required. Please list all the shoppers names either on Qkr, or email Gina.

Actual times will be confirmed closer to the date, but we can expect to be picked up at the school around 7.30am and back at school again around 5:30pm. Family and friends are welcome, although unfortunately we are unable to take children under 12 on the bus.

# parenting \* ideas insights



## Consistency is the key

By Michael Grose

*Evidence suggests that parents of young children need to adopt a real-life approach to discipline that is heavy on teaching rather than the punitive stuff.*

My own work with Generation X-lead families suggests that those parents who base their discipline on the principle of consistency generally raise well-behaved kids and enjoy positive relationships as well, which is nirvana for all parents regardless of their generation!

Children need parental consistency as it gives them a sense of security and control. Consistency means parents dealing with the little misbehaviours and not letting them grow into bigger behaviours. It means parents following through and allowing children to experience a consequence when they misbehave. It also means that both parents in a dual-parent relationship have a similar approach to behaviours. Children learn from a young age to play one parent off against the other when the standards differ.

Consistency, like routines, is often sacrificed by busy parents and put in the 'too hard basket'. When parents are tired, stretched and overworked the last thing they want to do is engage in a battle with children over what are sometimes petty issues.

Besides consistency can make a well-meaning parent who values relationships feel downright awful.

But giving in rather than being consistent and holding ground is not a smart long-term strategy. Kids learn quickly how far they can push a parent before they give in. If parents give in occasionally children will learn that if they push hard enough and long enough they will eventually cave in. Consistency is about being strong and holding your ground. That is hard work as the average child will push parental boundaries about 30 per cent of the time and more difficult kids push their boundaries twice that much.

### Consistent parents do the following:

#### 1. Say what they mean and mean what they say

Knowing the difference between a threat and a warning is important for parents of children of all ages. 'If you keep messing around we will cancel our next holiday' is the type of threat that few Generation Z kids would fall for. 'Throw toys one more time in this store and we go home immediately' is a well-timed warning that can be followed through.

#### 2. Don't allow moods to dictate their response to children's misbehaviour

Sometimes we are lenient when we're in a good mood and come down hard on the same behaviour because

we've had a bad day and our mood is awful. As hard as it seems, we need to be immune to our moods when we discipline. Sticking to known rules helps you take the emotion and your bad moods out of the equation. So as much as possible be guided by the notion of family rules and common sense limits to teach kids to behave.

#### 3. Do not cave in when children push the boundaries

When children ask for a treat and parents say no they need to keep saying no and don't change their mind if a child is persistent.

#### 4. Confer with the other parent if possible

When both parents are giving kids the same message and showing similar resolve over issues they send the message that they are working together.

**Visit our website for more ideas and information to help you raise confident and resilient young people.**

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# Explore and Restore

**Saturday 2 September 10am-12noon**  
**Here at Matthews Hill Grassland**



- Get a closer look at local animals with *Animals of Oz*
- Create some grassland art with *Living Color*
- Help to restore the native grasslands by planting wildflowers

## **A BBQ will be provided free of charge**

- For the comfort of all participants and animals, please do not bring your pets.
- This is an outdoor event, please remember to dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes to enter the grassland.

**Contact: Conservation Community Liaison Officer**  
**T: 9249 4000**





19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

## Gospel Mt 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

We can have faith that Jesus will always be there to help us in difficult times. Write a prayer asking God to help you when things get tough.

*Dear Lord,*

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*Amen.*

Help Jesus find his way across the water and onto the boat.  
Be sure to pick up St Peter along the way!

