



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

11 May 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
Our Lady's is a Child Safe School

"You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." John 20:19-31

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Fri 12 May

Parish Movie

Sun 14 May

Mother's Day

Mon 15 May

Athletics day at Aberfeldie

Athletics Track

Tues 16 May

Foundation 2018 enrolments

for new families start

Fri 19 May

Walk Safely to School Day

2.30pm St Eugene de Ma-

zenod Assembly

Wed 24 May

Eucharist Parent Night 7.00pm

Thurs 25 May

Ascension

Wed 31 May

Year 3/4 Camp Night

Mon 12 June

Queen's Birthday Public Holi-

day **No school for the children**

Tues 13 June

Professional Learning for Staff

(Victorian Curriculum and

Reporting 2017) **No school for**

the children

Fri 23 June

Sacred Heart Mass, Reports go

home, 7.30pm P&F Trivia

Night

Wed 28 June

P/T/S Learning Conversations

3.30-5.55pm

Thurs 29 June

P/T/S Learning Conversations

All day, no school for the chil-

dren

SACRAMENTS 2017

Eucharist

Sun 11 June 4G

Sun 18 June 4H

Reconciliation (Year 3)

Thursday 14 September

Confirmation (Year 6)

Friday 17 November

Dear Parents,

It was so wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles attend our Community Classrooms on Tuesday. It is one of the many ways the school connects parents to their child's learning and to the school. Thank you to all who came!

This Sunday we celebrate Mother's Day. It is a day that we set aside to thank Mothers for all the love and care they give to us. I think this quote sums up our Mothers very well:

A Mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take.

I ask all students from Our Lady's school to make sure that they spoil their mother on Sunday and remember to thank her. We hope that all the Mothers of Our Lady's school have a Mother's Day filled with laughter, happiness and love. May God's blessings be on all the Mothers of Our Lady's school. I warmly invite you all to join us at our special Mother's Day Assembly this Friday at 2:30pm in the Hall.



100 Story Literacy Incursion

On Monday this week Our Lady's school visited St Theresa's Primary School in Albion who hosted a literacy workshop for 30 children in grade five and six.

Joined by students from Mother of God in Ardeer and St Theresa's Primary school our children were led by Brendan from the 100 Story Building in Footscray.

With Brendan's unique background that combines drama and creative writing, children loved his energy and leadership as he guided them on the first of four workshops they will be attending.

The children had lots of fun creating wild and imaginative stories that they thought of, or came up with through working with other students.

We are looking forward to seeing the children grow as they learn writing, editing, publishing skills and meet great authors like Andy Griffiths and Alice Pung.

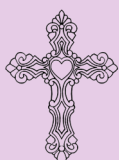
Stay tuned for updates as we watch the children develop and work toward engaging more students in this exciting work.

Greg Woolford

Family School Partnerships



Hail Mary



An angel came from heaven one day, with a message to Mary from God, asking her if she would be the mother of God's son, Jesus. Mary said 'Yes'! An angel also came to Joseph and told him the news. The angel said to Mary:
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Like the angel, we also greet Mary:

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.



Keeping our children safe in the digital space

This year we are fortunate to have Australia's foremost authority on CYBERSAFETY and all issues associated with the digital space Susan McLean back at Our Lady's school. No one else in Australia has the same level of qualifications, experience and skill in this area. With over 450 presentations delivered last year Susan is the clear leader in her field. The high regard in which she is held speaks for itself. Governments, Elite Sport, International Corporations, Mental Health workers, and Schools turn to her first and her high level relationship with key industry leaders in this space sets her apart.



Susan will be facilitating CYBERSAFETY sessions for the Year 5 and 6 students, the Staff and Parents of Our Lady's school. I am advertising this important school event well ahead of time so that you place it into your calendar. I am sure you will benefit from Susan's deep knowledge, expertise and practical solutions. She will empower you so that you will feel able to at all times keep your children safe .

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/>

OUR BEAUTIFUL MURAL

On the right you can see Elysse from 5C holding up her beautifully designed tile.

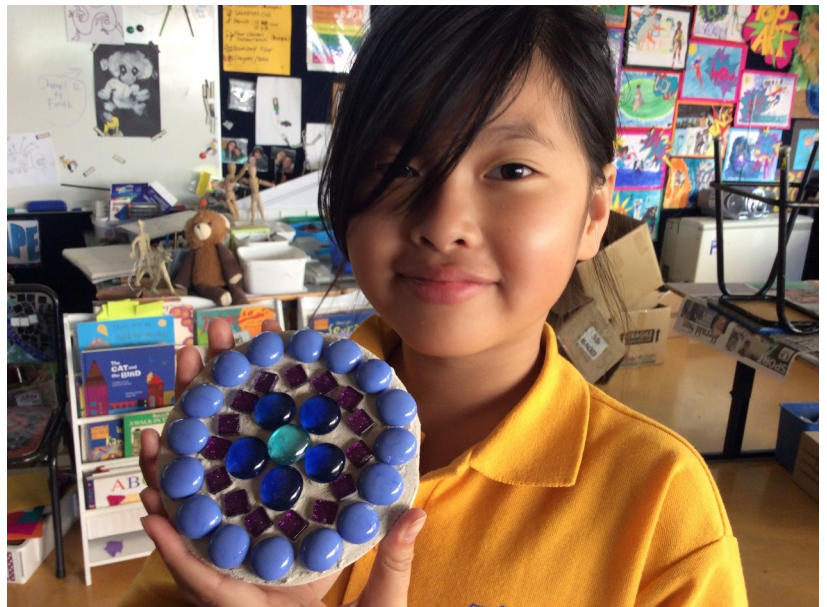
The Foundation I and J students have also completed their individual tiles which will be added to the existing tiles to complete the mural. Miss Pina is making sure that all staff and all students have a tile on the mural. The scripture quote from John 15:5

*I am the vine, you are the
branches...*

reminds us that we come from God and that it is in God that we are nurtured to grow.

Thank you Miss Pina for designing our mural! We love the way it sparkles and shines, just like God's love shines on us all.

Miss Pina thinks the mural will be completed before the end of this term.



Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani
Principal

principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au



Community Classrooms



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TRIVIA NIGHT

Book now
on our Qkr! App

FRIDAY 23RD JUNE
7.30PM

MARIANA HALL
CNR STATION PLACE &
MONASH STREET,
SUNSHINE

TABLES OF 8-10

or send an email to
parents@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au
to be placed on a table

RSVP BY FRIDAY 16TH JUNE

\$15 A HEAD

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE
VIA THE SCHOOL QKR! APP
BYO FOOD AND DRINKS



Term Two: Week 5: 15 th May 2017		
DAY	After School Care Activities	Afternoon Tea
Monday Staff: Brad, Hang	Inside: Make Your Own Jigsaw Puzzles Outside: Play-ground and Down Ball	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Rice Cakes
Tuesday Staff: Brad, Lucette, Michelle	Inside: Pasta Photo Frames Outside: Playground and Markers Up	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Noodles
Wednesday Staff: Brad, Hang, Chelsea	Inside: Board Games Outside: Playground and Group Games	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Crackers, Dip and Celery
Thursday Staff: Brad, Michelle	Inside: Blocks and Green Hat Planks Outside: Play-ground and Soccer Homework + Readers	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Baked Treat
Friday Staff: Michelle, Marlene	Children's Choice: Games, Activities Inside & Out. Cooking Chocolate Crackles with Marlene	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Cheese and Crackers

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 1st September to 1st 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 the cancellation period of 7 days notice applies for all Before and After School Care bookings. For additional information on our program please visit <http://www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au/school-care/our-locations/our-ladys-ps.html>

There may be certain circumstances where children receive gifts or prizes throughout the year as part of our advertised programs. These occasions would be advertised on our program planners to provide parents/guardians with prior notification. Occasions where children may receive gifts/prizes as advertised are as follows: last day of school terms, end of year celebrations, designated holiday program days, cultural and festive celebration days and during organised program competitions. **Thank You, Brad and Our Lady's OSHC Team**



INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

A huge congratulations to all the children from Years 4, 5 and 6 who participated in the Interschool Cross Country last Friday.

Josh D	Anthony C	Lucas A	Christian K
Cardin N	Heidi D	Ella D	Yvonne H
Andy N	Alex A	Ruby P	Klarissa B
Choeyang G	Will D	Lucas H	

Great effort by all representing Our Lady's so well!

Extra congratulations to the following children who have made it through to the Keilor District Finals:

Josh D	Lucas A	Ella D	Andy N	Alex A	Choeyang G
Will D	Lucas H				



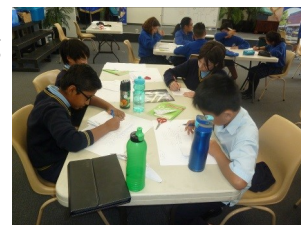
100 Storey Treehouse Writing Workshop

On Monday the 8th of May, 10 students from Year 5 and 6 attended a Writing workshop at St Teresa's Albion with 3 schools. The 100 Storey Project aims to promote and facilitate writing experiences for students in the western suburbs.

Students engaged in a *Create Your Own Adventure* writing session. The writing group will attend 3 other sessions and use their experiences to engage and teach other students.

We hope to build our partnership with the 100 Storey team as they are exploring the needs of schools in Sunshine and St Albans.

We will be inviting students to contribute their interests and ideas for creative writing in Sunshine with a facilitator from the group.



YEAR 7 2019 APPLICATION PROCESS

The timing of the Year 7 enrolment process for Catholic Secondary Colleges has changed for the 2019 intake. (current Grade 5s)

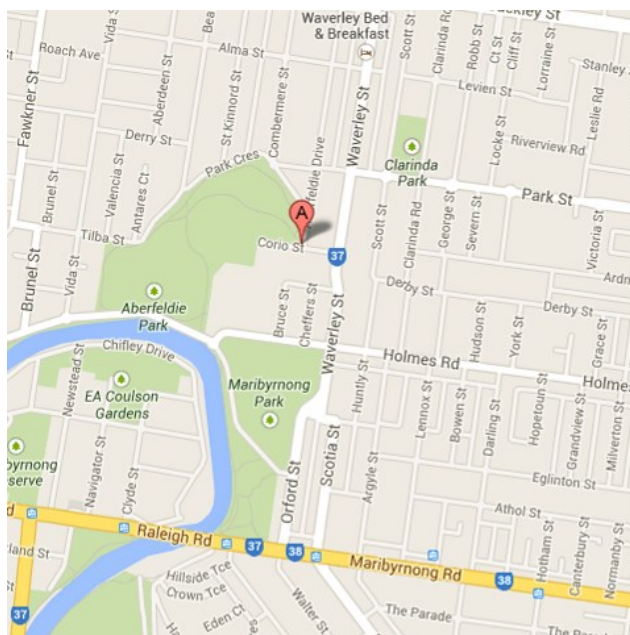
The enrolment process for 2019 Year 7 offers will commence in Term 3 and Term 4 of 2017 of Year 5.

Critical Date - Term 3 25 August 2017 – all applications to Catholic Secondary Colleges close

Whole School Athletics Day - Monday 15May

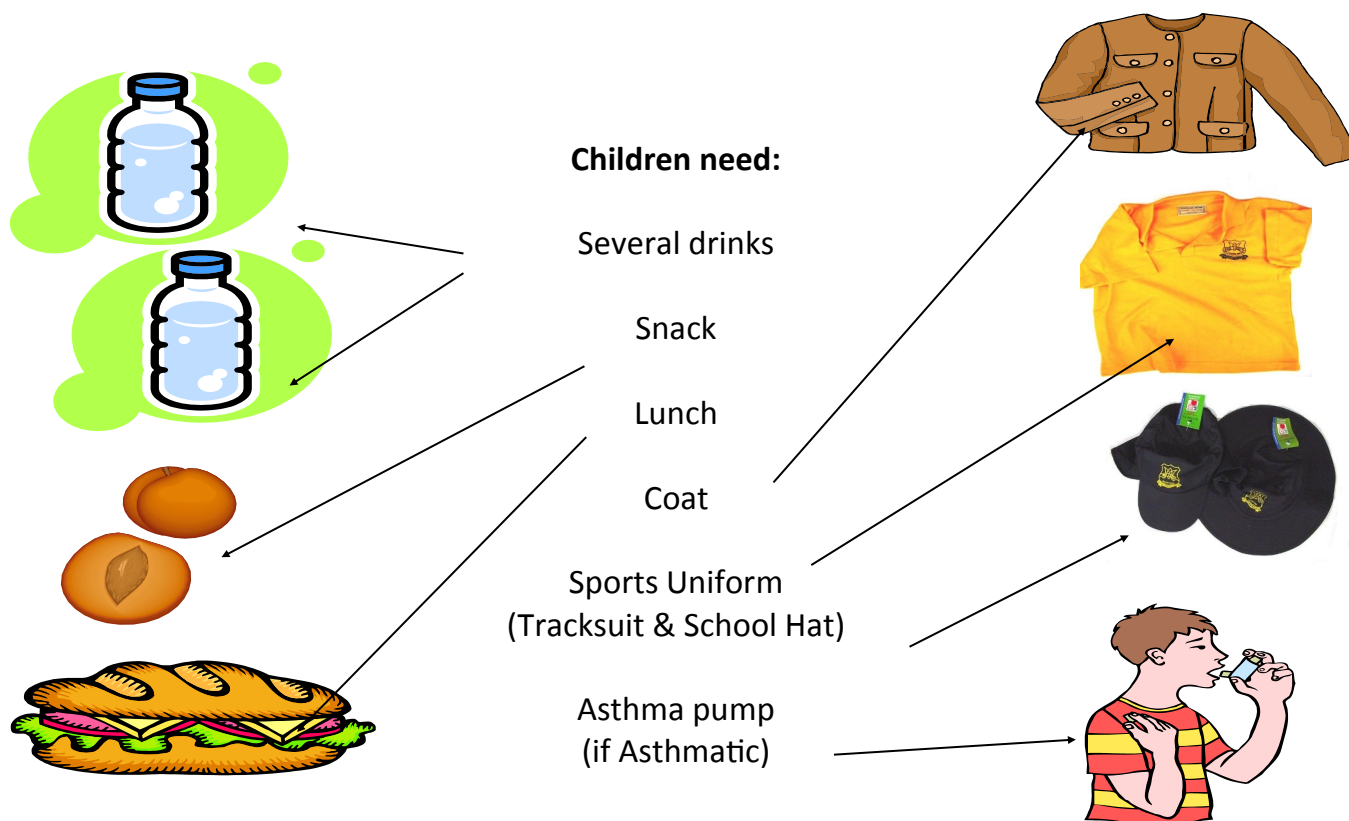
Aberfeldie Athletics Track (Melway Map 28 D8) 9.30am - 2.30pm

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. They will not be allowed on the bus.





Dear Parents,

Walk Safely to School Day is next Friday 19th May. We would like to encourage you to walk to school for some extra exercise with your child. If you live a fair distance away please consider driving to school and parking the car a few blocks away. That way you all can still join in and walk to school!

Different teachers will be near each gate entry of the school and all children who walk to school will receive a special '*walk safely to school*' sticker.

We will have a prize per class, just for a bit of fun! To be able to enter into the draw, your child needs to have a '*walk safely to school*' sticker on them. So please join in and support this terrific government initiative.

Should you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact me at school or via email ccarabott@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

Regards

Christine Carabott

Deputy Principal & Student Wellbeing Leader



PARENTS & FRIENDS FUNDRAISER 2017

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infinite trolley key!**



ONLY \$3.00 EACH

1. Keep it on your key ring - no need to search for coins or tokens
2. Insert the key into your trolley to unlock the trolley
3. Remove your trolley key - your trolley is unlocked and ready to use to shop
4. Put your keys away and enjoy your shopping!
5. Works with any trolley type.



Order your trolley key using the school's Qkr! App on your phone. (Same app you use for lunch orders and uniform orders).

Orders close Wednesday 31 May.



***Trolley keys will be sent home
with your child.***



Tuesday 13th June 2017
Our Lady's Primary School
School Closure Day

Our Lady's Primary OSHC
32 Station Place, Sunshine VIC 3020
M: 0401 700 401
E: ourladysoshc@ymca.org.au
www.childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au

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 Tuesday 13th June 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 **Monday 5th June 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 to express your interest, by **Monday 5th June 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 **Tuesday 6th June 2017**.

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

- Outside play (weather permitting)
- Free Play
- Art and craft
- Sporting games
- 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

Kind regards,

Brad, OSHC Coordinator

parenting * ideas insights



Celebrate the marvel of motherhood, not parenthood!

By Michael Grose

As Mother's Day approaches it's worth remembering that it's mothers and fathers, real women and men, who raise kids. Parenting is a managerial, twentieth century construct.

It's an interesting time for me to write about motherhood. In the last eighteen months both my daughters have become first time mums.

Watching them has refreshed my perspective on motherhood. It's not the techniques and strategies they use that are important rather their desire to connect to their children and fully embrace being a mum that is paramount. All their subsequent parenting springs from the willingness to fully give themselves over to motherhood.

My close encounters with my daughters as mothers has reminded me how emotion-charged being a mum can be. Besotted-ness, fatigue, joy, fulfilment and doubt are just some of the feelings I have witnessed in my daughters. No doubt any mothers reading this can easily add a few more.

Over the last few months I've conducted a series of parenting seminars on the topic of raising independent children. The main message of raising children to be self-sufficient, rather than to overprotect

and spoil them, has been in some ways at odds with what is seen as good mothering. That's because the notion of protectiveness aligns more with mothering than fathering.

However you can be a protective mum and raise really self-sufficient independent kids - you just need to know when kids need protecting and when they need to work things out for themselves. Mothers attuned to their kids and who are confident in their own abilities and instincts generally get the balance right. In a way, they know when to be a mum and when to be a parent.

Mothering is emotional and instinctive

Being a mother is not always rational, as parenting is often made out to be. The emotion attached to motherhood drives you to fight hard to protect your children, work assiduously to right any wrongs on their behalf, and exhaust yourself looking after their physical and psychological well-being.

As I've been reminded watching my daughters raise their own children - mothering is relational rather than rational. You may grow out of parenting by making yourself redundant, but mothering is something you never grow out of. You are a mum for life.

Kids want their mothers, not their parents

Kids of all ages say, "That's my mum!" They don't say, "That's my parent!" (They may say that when they are annoyed or embarrassed by you, but that's another story.)

Boys and girls of all ages generally love their mothers unconditionally, whereas they merely put up with their parents, particularly during adolescence. They can live without their parents, or so they think, but deep down they know they can't live without the one person who has a blind spot for them, overlooking all their faults. That person, of course, is their mother.

When kids of all ages get into emotional difficulty or their life becomes too hard, they generally go looking for their mums. They only look for their 'parent' when they want some money, or want someone to get them out of a jam!

As Mother's Day approaches it's worth remembering that it's mothers and fathers, real women and men, who raise kids. Parenting is a managerial, twentieth century construct. That's why we have Mother's Day (and Father's Day) rather than Parent's Day.

I hope you have a good one!





Jesus is the way to the Father



5th Sunday of Easter, Year A

Gospel Jn 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am
you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going,
so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall
be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time,
Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?
Do you not believe
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.
You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no
other reason.'

'I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'



Draw an arrow next to the
words below which describe
the Way, the Truth and the Life
that Jesus wants us to follow.

→ **LOVE**
PEACE
GREED
FORGIVENESS
CONFLICT
JUSTICE
SELFISHNESS
COMPASSION
HONESTY
HATRED

Can you decipher what Jesus is saying?