

OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

28 October 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 School Phone: 9312 2230

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Our Lady's is a Child Safe School

But test everything; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 31 Oct

School Closure Day - Report Writing (no school for the children)

Tues 1 Nov

Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday (no school for the children)

Mon 14 - Fri 25 Nov

Swimming Program

Fri 25 Nov

P&F 80s Disco Night 7.30pm Sunshine YCW Cricket Club

Thurs 1 Dec

2023 Foundation Transition 2.00 -3.00pm

Thurs 8 Dec

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

2023 Foundation Transition 2.00 -3.00pm

Fri 9 Dec

Reports published on nForma Portal

Tues 13 Dec

Dinner in the Yard with DJ, Art Show 6.00 - 8.00pm Parent Teacher Interviews by request

Wed 14 Dec

Year 6 Graduation: Mass 6.00pm. Disco 7.15-8.15pm Fri 16 Dec

11.30am End of Year Mass 2.30pm End of Year Assembly 3.15pm End of 2022 for stu-

Mon 19-Tues 20 Dec

Closure Days - Handover Days for Staff.

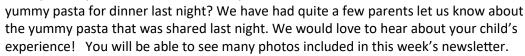
PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE 2022 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS (students do not attend school): Monday 31 October: Report Writing

Dear Parents.

In last week's newsletter you would have read that Ms Bertani was taking one week of long service leave. Therefore, I am writing this week's edition of our weekly newsletter! It has been a very exciting week at Our Lady's with many engaging, fun-filled learning opportunities for our students. The Year 1 and 6s had a science incursion connected to their FLI learning and the Year 6s attended a transition event to support them as they prepare for secondary school. So many of the students found the panel event affirming as it addressed many of the questions they are wondering about. Of course, transitioning from one school to another can be a mixed bag of emotions as feelings of excitement and nervousness may be experienced. Thank-you to Greg Woolford, our family partnership convenor who organised this event for our school, St Theresa's and Mother of God. Mr

Wickham, Ms Gurry, Mrs Ross and Ms Oliver walked to St Theresa's with the students and all felt it was a wonderful opportunity.

Maestro Matteo organised a pasta workshop for each class, via Big Pocket. Yesterday was a very exciting day for our students as they all participated in a pasta making workshop. All students were able to take home their freshly made pasta. I wonder how many families had



Today, Friday 28th October is Day for Daniel, which is Australia's largest child safety education and awareness day. This national day of action advocates for safer communities for children and empowering them to Recognise, React and Report when they feel unsafe. Thank-you for your support wear students were able to wear a touch of red. Why do we wear red? People are asked to wear red on Day for Daniel in remembrance of Proudly Supporting

Daniel Morcombe. Daniel was wearing a red t-shirt on 7 December 2003 when he found himself in an unsafe situation. Wearing red links Daniel's very real story to the importance of safety education. It provides a message of strength and hope that together we can make the world safer for all children as a legacy to Daniel and his family. For the past couple of weeks, as part of $\frac{1}{2}$ kids safe!

our curriculum, all classes have been learning about being safe and what we can do whenever we feel unsafe.

Blessed is God Prayer



We praise God. God is our Father and Creator.

We bless God's name and offer prayers to God. Blessed are you, God of compassion. You teach us to care about others. Blessed are you, God of mercy. You always forgive us when we fail. Blessed are you, God of love. You show us your way. Blessed are you, God of peace. You created all of us in your image. Blessed are you, God of faithfulness. You have loved us since time began. Blessed are you, God of hope. You have brought us into the light. God, we ask you to hear our blessing prayers. Amen

A huge thank-you to Greg, Nguri and Moe who have been facilitating the Burmese English classes at our school every Thursday for many years. Sadly, the funding has come to an end. However, all those who attended have been very appreciative of the support they all received and thoroughly enjoyed their sessions. Yesterday they shared a small celebration





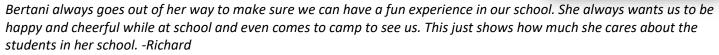
Seeing I am writing this week's edition of our newsletter, it is the perfect opportunity to congratulate our amazing Principal Ms Patrizia Bertani, as we recently celebrated her **10 years of service as the Principal of our school.** We are so fortunate to have Ms Bertani leading our community with such dedication, compassion and faith. We look forward to many years to come!

Ms Bertani, we *thank-you for* all your leadership, inspiration and for always having our students at the centre of all your decision making.

Here are some heartfelt words from a few of our Year 6 students:

Ms Bertani is a great principal because she always prepares great things for us and our school. She helps us in many events such as

the Leadership Day and she also prepares excursions and incursions for the school. Ms



Ms Bertani, Congratulations on being Principal here at Our Lady's School for 10 years, what an achievement. Thank you for everything, especially your organisation with our Leadership Conference, you always put a smile on our faces, and are very welcoming. You have always helped me with stuff I have got stuck with, and poor choices I have made in the past, so thank you for that. When some people think of principals they think of scary old strict people, but when I think of you I think of a polite, kind hearted, helpful teacher. Thank you -Summer

Ms Bertani, Thank you for taking care of our school and all the people within it. You're a good balance of serious and humour. It's always great to have you as our principal. You are especially great to have on camp because you know how to have fun. It's great to have you as Principal and we hope you can stay for many years to come.-Harrison

Ms Bertani, thank you for being a Principal that loves the student voice and your passion in helping students. This I saw when I came to your office and you're always bright and happy for the Lego club. Also I saw how you wanted to stay for the whole of the Year Six Leadership Day and how you let the day run and have trust in us.- Michael.G

Dear Ms Bertani, Thank you for being such an organised and kind principal for all these 7 years that I've been at Our Lady's. You helped and supported me a lot in iTime and I really appreciated it. I can always see you talking to people and smiling and it makes others smile too. Some principals are helpful but no one could beat how much help you provide our school! Whenever classes need help with planning a project or making it happen at all, you are always there. So once again thank you for being such a great principal! -Alisha

Congratulations Ms Bertani.

Wishing you all a lovely long weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Carabott

Mrs Christine Carabott
Acting Principal
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A reminder that Monday 31 October and Tuesday 1 November are Closure Days for Report Writing and the Melbourne Cup Public holiday.





FI

Mai - For working hard to write a retell about The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Keep it up! *From Ms. Cam Tu* **Jack** - For using spaces between words in your writing. Keep up the great work. *From Ms. Cam Tu*

FJ

Flynn - For creating a fabulous book in writing, and stretching out the sounds to write new words. You're a champion, Flynn! *From Miss Wendy*

Charlie - For having a go at reading new words. Fabulous work, Charlie! From Miss Wendy

1K & 1L

For all Year 1 students - For all your hard work in making a successful lemonade stall to raise money for Socktober! You did an amazing job planning, advertising and selling your lemonade! We are SO proud of your efforts! *From Miss Steph and Miss Shai*

2M

Kiera L - For your wonderful creation during Discovery to help your classmate with coping/calming strategies. Continue to be the compassionate, thoughtful person that you are! *From Mrs Granata & Mrs Mendoza*

Owen T - For being a 'Thinker' during Discovery by designing and planning your telescope with its realistic features and then sharing your creation clearly with the class! Keep up the creativity! *From Mrs Granata & Mrs Mendoza*

2N

Eilish L - For the wonderful improvement in Reading and Maths.keep it up. You are a super star! *From Mrs Mitchell* **Madelene R** - For the effort you put into your writing during Writer's Workshop. You stay focused and I always look forward to reading what you have written. *From Mrs Mitchell*

3E

Lincoln B- For displaying the Our Lady's Gospel Value of Respect when learning and playing with your peers. *From Miss Karen*

Angelina P- For showing collaborative skills and strengths during our Pasta making day. Congratulations for working so well with your partner! *From Miss Karen*

3F

Archie S - For displaying the Our Lady's Gospel Value of Compassion by showing care and consideration to your friends and teachers. *From Mr Josh*

Helena L - For showing the Our Lady's Gospel Value of Service by helping out in the classroom and always being there for your friends. *From Mr Josh*

4G

All students in 4G- for focusing and working really hard in their PAT assessments this week, well done! From Ms White

4H

Nina- For displaying the Our Lady's Gospel Value of Courage. You have shown growth this year, keep it up! *From Ms. Robles*

Anna- For listening and implementing teacher feedback when working on your persuasive text. Well done! *From Ms. Robles*

5C

All the students in 5C- For the dedication you have shown in preparing for the Mission Stall. You demonstrated maturity in the way you planned and carried out all the tasks required. Congratulations. *From Mr Membrey*

5D

All the students in 5D - For your commitment, creativity and the amazing effort you put into raising money for the people of Ethiopia. You collaborated beautifully and displayed wonderful team work. I am very proud of all of you for your

LEARNING CELEBRATION

efforts in making items to sell and running your market stall with such dedication. From Mrs Muscat

6A

LiLi F For the detail, thought and reflection that you put into your writing and written responses. Always a pleasure to read. *From Mr Wickham*

Chan Chan C- For your dedication to learning which is a wonderful model to other students. From Mr Wickham

6B

Zoe A - For displaying Our Lady's Gospel value of Service frequently in the classroom. Keep it up! *From Ms Gurry* **Chloe F** - For using your initiative in the classroom to complete tasks that need to be done. You are consistently showing Our Lady's Gospel value of Service! Well done! *From Ms Gurry*



FI: Rose D 1K: Casey Z 2M: Sophia V 3F: Oliver I 6A: Leon A













Year 6 Science Incursion



















Year 1 Science Incursion































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Educational Incursions









































































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REMEMBRANCE DAY BADGES

The Sunshine RSL has the following items available for purchase from the Office for Remembrance Day, Friday 11 November 2022.

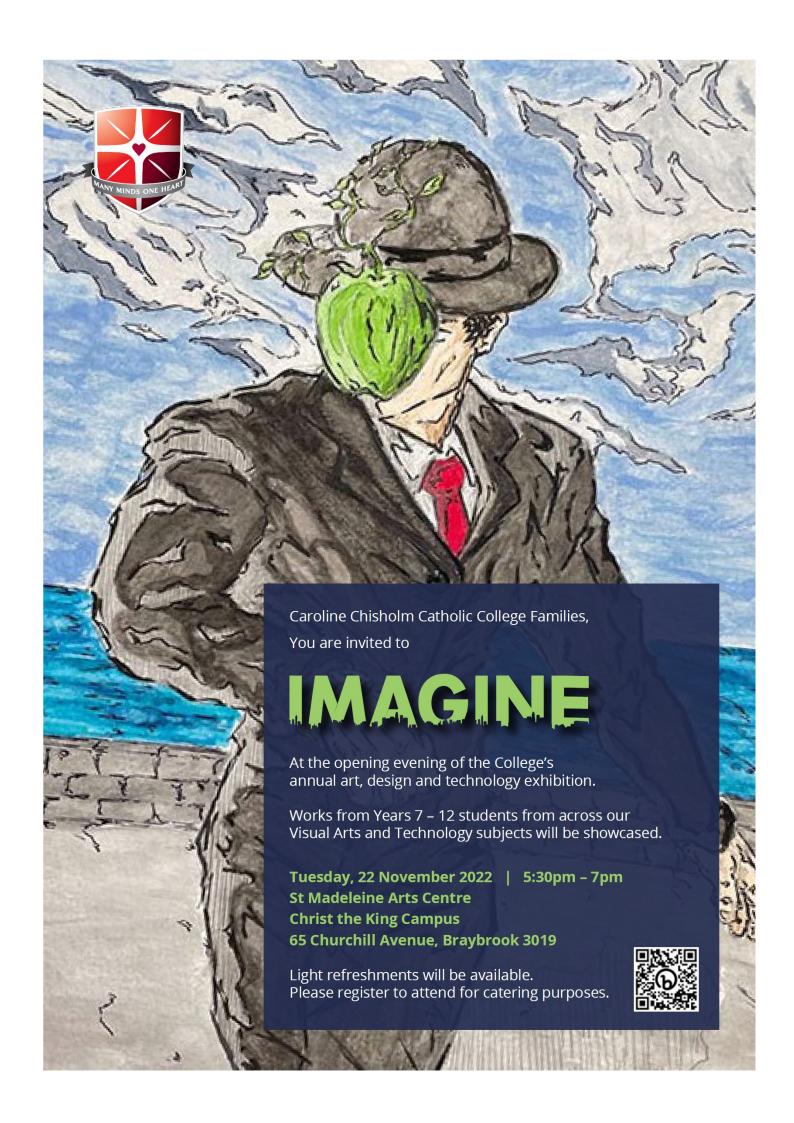














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PREPARATIONS FOR 2023

As we are beginning our preparations for 2023 we ask that parents let us know as soon as possible if their child/ren are <u>not</u> returning to Our Lady's next year. We have had many inquiries about places for 2023 and we need to let these parents know if there are places for their children. We currently have a waiting list for Prep and several of the other year levels are full, with enrolment enquiries coming in.

If your child is not returning in 2023 (NOT OUR CURRENT YR 6 STUDENTS) please complete the form below and return it to the office. It is vital that you return this form as soon as possible. *Thank you*.

Children NO	T returning to Our Lady's School in 2023
Family Name:	
Child/children's names	
1	2022 Grade:
2	2022 Grade:
3	2022 Grade:
	And / Or
our new address.	
Signed:	(Parent)

parenting *ideas

INSIGHTS

That's leadership thinking!



My father used to tell me that to be a good footballer I needed to look like a footballer. He always made sure I played with my socks pulled up, boots clean and football jumper tucked in. His attitude was I should at least look the part.

Fast forward a few generations and Dad would probably tell me today that if I wanted to be a footballer I should think like a footballer. His thinking would be right because any significant skill development usually comes before a positive mindset, or at least, a mindset that captures the essence of what's required.

This mindset concept is easily applied to many areas of parenting and family life, including leadership, which is required in school, at work, in the community and in family life. Thinking like a leader comes before leadership action so attending to a child or young person's mindset lays the foundation to real leadership.

The following mindsets are good starting points for developing leadership mindsets in the next generation.

Be accountable

The mark of true leadership whether for adults or young people is the willingness to take responsibility and be accountable for your actions. Responsibility and accountability are features that great leaders share, so encourage children and young people to accept personal responsibility for their actions, learn from their mistakes and avoid making excuses when things go wrong. For this to happen parents and teachers need to forgive their mistakes and poor decisions so that they feel they can take responsibility without fear of harsh retribution.

Plan ahead

Thinking about what needs to be done, planning ahead and managing time are skills that enable many young people to become effective leaders. The ability to think ahead, strategise and figure out a plan may sound like corporate-speak but it's something that kids of all ages can accomplish. We can plant the planning seed by encouraging them to think ahead and set aside some time to plan before tackling any activity – whether it's a homework project, resolving conflict with a sibling or asking for an increase on their allowance.

Work together

The ability to form, maintain and work in teams is a central leadership capacity. Teamwork refers to a range of skills, including problem solving, working with others, listening and following that enable a team to work towards one purpose. All children are capable of working together, although introverts and pubescent teens can struggle to work collaboratively. Sow the seeds of teamwork by encouraging kids to support their siblings and friends when they struggle and to accept everyone in games and activities

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Tune in

Emotional intelligence is an essential set of skills that unfortunately many leaders lack. Emotional smarts allows leaders to communicate effectively, relate well and resolve problems when they arise. Develop your child's emotional intelligence by encouraging them to tune in to and regulate their own emotions, and tune into the emotions of others. Help them see behind the behaviour of others and discover the emotions that may be driving behaviour. For instance, a sibling's aggressive behaviour may be driven by anger, annoyance or even sadness.

In closing

Leadership thinking requires kids to be accountable for their actions, plan ahead rather than act rashly, be open to working with others, and to tune into their own emotions and the emotions of those around them. These are mindsets worth nurturing using the tools of modelling, overt teaching (particularly with secondary school students) and providing plenty of descriptive, encouraging feedback.



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.

Humble yourself and you will be honoured





30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

GOSPE Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

How can we be humble like the tax collector?		

match up the correct endings

Draw a line from the first half of each sentence to its correct ending.

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector went

you will be honoured.

The Pharisee prayed

"God, have pity on me! I am a sinner."

The Tax Collector prayed

you will be put down.

If you put yourself above others

to the temple to pray.