



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

27 February 2020

www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

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

'So, whatever you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the Glory of God' Cor 10:31

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sun 1 Mar

First Sunday of Lent

Mon 2 Mar

Cyber Safety Sessions for students

Casual day to raise money for Bushfire Relief

Wed 4 Mar

7.00pm Parent Cyber Session (Alannah & Madeline Foundation)

Fri 6 March

9.00am P&F AGM

Mon 9 March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Tues 10 Mar

2021 Foundation Enrolments Open

Wed 11 Mar

5.30-7.00pm Foundation BBQ

7.00pm PAB AGM

Mon 16 March

School Photos

Tues 17 March

St Patrick's Day Mass at Cathedral

Thurs 26 March

Open Day. Tours at 9.30am, 12.00pm and 2.30pm

Fri 27 March

End of Term 1 at 3.15pm

Tues 14 April

Start of Term 2 at 8.45am

Wed 29 April-Fri 1 May

Yr 6 Camp (Oasis Mt Evelyn)

SACRAMENTS

Eucharist

Sunday 17th May

Sunday 24th May

Reconciliation

Wednesday 22nd July

Confirmation

Friday 20th November

Dear Parent,

It was great to see parents and parishioners join us for the Ash Wednesday Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark Edwards and Father Peter. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lenten season; a time of reflection and preparation as we journey towards Easter.

Thank you to the Our Lady's school students who Bishop Mark Edwards praised for their engagement, participation and reverence throughout the Mass.

Bishop Mark Edwards spent time speaking to the Our Lady's staff and students who enjoyed his lessons about his role as a Bishop and asked him many questions. We thank Bishop Mark Edwards for making the time to be with us on both Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Our Lady's School Bushfire Recovery Appeal

As part of our commitment to the Catholic Social Justice teachings we invite you to support Our Lady's school in raising money for the *Bushfire Recovery Appeal*. For a donation students can come to school in casual clothes and by doing so contribute to supporting towns in Gippsland that were affected by the fires to rebuild and recover. We can make a difference and help these communities to heal from this devastating event.



OUR LADY'S—BUSHFIRE RECOVERY APPEAL

Hope and Healing for Gippsland Families

CASUAL DAY – NO UNIFORM for a money donation

Next Monday the 2nd of March

All money raised will go to CatholicCare who are directly supporting towns, families impacted by the fires in Gippsland.

LENT



Jesus, we read in the Bible, about the time you went alone in the desert, where you ate nothing for forty days. Help us, in the forty days of Lent, to remember what you suffered for us, because you wanted to save us.

Help us, in the forty days of Lent, to go without some of the nice things we often have, to be kind and helpful to others, to make our home a happy place.

Help us, in the forty days of Lent, to pray more, and to remember you, suffering and dying on the cross, because you wanted to save us.



The Year 4 and 6 students had an opportunity to speak to Bishop Mark Edwards and learn all about his life as a Bishop and why he became a Bishop. Bishop Mark has been both a teacher and a principal before he became the Auxiliary Bishop of the West.



School Photos

A reminder that school photos will be taken on Monday the 16th of March this year. Children will need to be in their full summer school uniform. All forms with money need to be returned by Friday the 13th of March at the latest.



SUNSMART

According to SunSmart best practice and our school SunSmart policy the children will be required to continue to wear their school hats until the end of April.

Thank you to all parents who are collaborating with the school to keep all children safe during the busy pick up and drop of times, before and after school.

It is never ok to compromise a child's safety.

**DRIVE
AS IF
EVERY
CHILD
ON THE
STREET
WERE
YOU OWN.**

Foundation enrolments for 2021 will be open from Tuesday 10th of March

If you have a child who will be starting at Our Lady's in Foundation next year (2021), please come to the Office for an Enrolment folder from Tuesday March 10.

When you have filled it out, please come back to the Office with the Enrolment Form and all documentation and an appointment time will be made for you.

Each year we have a waiting list and we do not want a sibling of an existing student to miss out.



Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

**Ms Patrizia Bertani
Principal**

principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au



Extend is the place for your children to thrive, learn and play, so what are you waiting for? Book and enrol at

www.extend.com.au

Hours of Operation

After School Care: 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Contact Details

0499 849 940

olic@extend.com.au

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sports challenges outdoors	Dodge Those Balls	Slime Sensation	Trivia and Fun Facts	MasterChef Kitchen Time
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Crazy Science Day	Water Colour Magic	Upbuild and Recycle	Music & Dance	Farm to Plate

DISCOVER

LEARN

PLAY



The children baked delicious scones as part of our term 1 enrichment program.



We can help the environment and water our plants with collected rain water.



Fun and games with LEGO creations!

STAR OF THE WEEK!

Mikayla

For being a great listener and always assisting staff and peers. Keep up the great work!

Thank you to all the wonderful children who came to the service with big smiles and full of energy. Join us at the service for some awesome and messy science experiments and delicious healthy treats.

Mehi
Service Coordinator

extend.com.au

LENT

Ash Wednesday began the forty day season of Lent that leads to Easter.

On Ash Wednesday, we gathered together to remind ourselves that we don't always follow God's ways and need to ask God for His mercy and forgiveness. Like God's people in the time of the prophets, we wear ashes to show that we want to turn away from whatever keeps us from God, and to have a change of heart so that we can live in right relationship with God and each other. For Catholics, Ash Wednesday is also a day of fasting and abstaining from meat. Fasting reminds us that food alone cannot make us happy. We must also be fed with prayer, with God's Word and by meeting Jesus in the Sacraments, especially Reconciliation and Eucharist. The small sacrifices we make during Lent make room in our hearts to welcome the risen Jesus at Easter.

Please take some time to talk with your children about the meaning of Lent and discuss together what that could look like in your home.





Cyber Safety Information Evening
hosted by
The Alannah and Madeline Foundation

NEXT WEDNESDAY MARCH 4

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Auditorium



Please return the R.S.V.P. slip to your child's teacher.

The Parents and Friend's

EASTER RAFFLE

The P & F Committee are calling for donations for
our Easter Raffle.

Donations can be left in the class room or taken to
the front office.

Tickets will be sold through QKR for \$1 Each and the
raffle will be drawn in the assembly on the last day
of term.



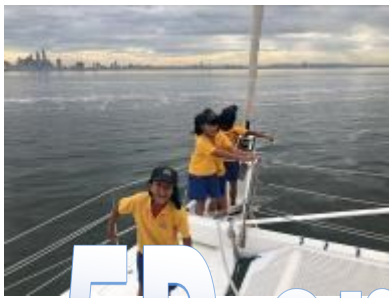
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TICKETS ON
SALE FROM
TOMORROW
FRIDAY 28
FEBRUARY
UNTIL
WEDNESDAY
25 MARCH**



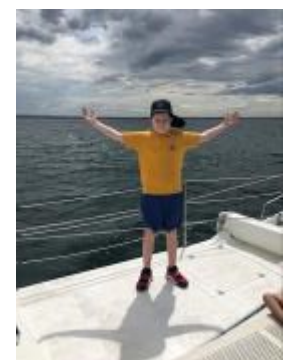


5D on the SV Pelican





5D on the SV Pelican





Inquisitive Kids

Science in FJ





Grade 2 at Scienceworks





For parents/guardians of students:

2020 Student Residential Address and Other Information collection notice

This notice is from the Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment (the department), to advise you that the department has requested that your child's school provide a 'statement of addresses', in accordance with the *Australian Education Regulation 2013* (Cth) (Regulation).

A *statement of addresses* contains the following information about each student at the school:

- Student residential address (**not student names**)
- Student level of education (i.e. whether the student is a primary or secondary student)
- Student boarding school status (i.e. whether the student is boarding or a day student)
- Names and residential addresses of students' parent(s) and/or guardian(s)

Schools generate a record number for each student for the purposes of this collection, which is also provided to the department.

Purpose of the collection

This collection is routinely used to inform Commonwealth school education policy, and to help ensure that Commonwealth funding arrangements for non-government schools are based on need, and are fair and transparent.

The information collected in the *statement of addresses* will be used to inform school funding calculations. It is combined with data held by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to calculate the estimated capacity of a school community to contribute to the schools' operating costs (capacity to contribute). Australian Government funding to non-government schools takes this estimated capacity to contribute into account.

On 20 September 2018 the Government announced that it will implement a new, improved capacity to contribute methodology used in the calculation of the Commonwealth's needs-based funding arrangements for non-government schools. Known as the direct measure of income (DMI), the proposed new methodology is based on the median income of parents or guardians of students at a non-government school. This is in contrast to the current area based measure which is a point in time analysis based on average circumstances in 2011 of the area in which students at the school lived. This change follows a review of the existing methodology by the National School Resourcing Board. Further information about the review and the Government's response can be found on the department's website: <https://www.education.gov.au/review-socio-economic-status-ses-score-methodology>.

Use and disclosure of personal information

Your personal information is protected by law, including the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). Any use and disclosure of your personal information relating to the *statement of addresses* will occur in accordance with the Regulation.

Your personal information may be used by the department, or disclosed to the ABS, for the purposes of reviewing capacity to contribute methodology, calculating capacity to contribute and Commonwealth school education policy development (including school funding), or where it is otherwise required or authorised by law.

Your personal information will be provided to the ABS for capacity to contribute calculations and analysis as part of the Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP). Departmental staff will use the ABS' secure DataLab to undertake analysis and calculate capacity to contribute scores for schools using de-identified data (i.e. data that has had identifiable information such as name and address removed). The linked information will not be used for other purposes. Further information on the MADIP can be found here:

[http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/4a256353001af3ed4b2562bb00121564/9099c77cb979d558ca258198001b27a0/\\$FILE/MADIP%20iPIA_2018.pdf](http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/4a256353001af3ed4b2562bb00121564/9099c77cb979d558ca258198001b27a0/$FILE/MADIP%20iPIA_2018.pdf).

The department may, from time to time, carry out audits of school submissions. In the event of an audit, contracted auditors may seek to compare a school's *statement of addresses* with student enrolment information held by the school. These contractors will not use the information for any other purpose.

The department may also be required to disclose your personal information to its service providers for the purposes of the provision of information and communications technology (ICT) support services to the department.

What do you need to do?

You are not required to do anything. Your school is responsible for providing the requested details to the department, however, you may wish to ensure that your school has the most up-to-date and correct details for your family.

Contacts for further information

Your school can provide additional information about the process of the address collection.

If you have any further questions regarding the collection, you can contact the department by:

- Email: seshelpdesk@dese.gov.au
- Phone (free call): SES helpdesk on 1800 677 027 (Option 4)

The department's privacy policy is available on the department's website at www.dese.gov.au. The privacy policy contains information about:

- how individuals can access and seek correction of the personal information held by the department;
- how complaints about breaches of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) can be made; and
- how the department will deal with these complaints.



Election of the Our Lady's School Parents and Friends Committee 2020

Nomination Form

P & F Annual General Meeting – Friday 6 March at 9.00am

Nominations are invited for the Our Lady's School Parents & Friends Committee 2020.

Nomination

I, (your name) _____

Parent of (name and grade of your child) _____

Nominate: (name of person) _____

For the Position of: (one form per nomination)

☐

President

☐

Vice President

☐

Secretary

☐

Treasurer

Signed

Nominator: _____ Date: _____

Nomination Acceptance

I, (nominee) _____

Parent of (name and grade of your child) _____

Accept the nomination as indicated above.

Nominee's Signature: _____ Date: _____

ALL NOMINATION FORMS ARE TO BE HANDED INTO THE OFFICE



Parents Advisory Board

Expression of Interest Form

Expressions of Interest are invited for the Our Lady's School Parents Advisory Board 2020.

I, (your name) _____

Parent of (name and grade of your eldest child):

Contact number: _____

Contact email: _____

Am interested in becoming a member of the Our Lady's School Parents Advisory Board in 2020.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FORMS ARE TO BE HANDED INTO THE OFFICE

The Teeth On Wheels team
are coming to our school



Great News! Our school is pleased to announce that the Teeth on Wheels team will be coming out to our School every 6 months to provide Oral Health Education and quality dental treatment to our students.



Remember your forms!

Please keep your eye out for the consent form which can be filled out and handed back into the school reception for your child to be seen.

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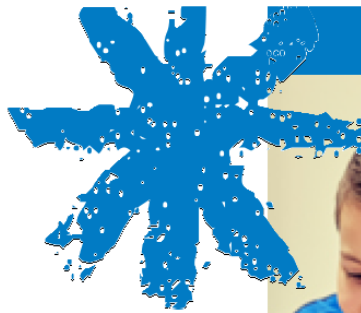
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insights



It's not ok to be away nor to be late to school

by Michael Grose

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of 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.

Conversely, according to a report from the Victorian Auditor General, students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long-term unemployment.

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem. Also, many teachers tell me, it's often the kids who can least afford to take time off school who are most likely to be serial absentees.

Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools—and much of it is parent-condoned.

It's hard to get an accurate picture across the country but it would appear that Australian students miss an average of between 12 and 15 days per school year, with parent-condoned absenteeism highest among young primary-aged children.

That adds up to a year's lost schooling over the school-life of a child. In today's highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

That's not a reason to be away!

It's now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling's birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a sports day or special school event.

This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don't really value learning or their children's school experiences.

Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.

Being late is not okay either

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

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 takes strong parenting

As a parent myself I know how persuasive children of all ages can be when it comes to taking a day off school. It takes a strong will to resist the persistent pressure that kids can bring to bear, particularly if they play the guilt card with comments such as "It's not fair that I have to go school today because Auntie is coming to visit!" Nice try. But the answer should be "No!".

As parents we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day.

Of course, there will be times, such as illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances, when kids should be away. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm.

It's reassuring to know that you increase 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.
- Consider catching-up on missed work.
- Make kids who are away stay in their bedroom – that is where ill kids should be.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books for parents including Thriving! and the best-selling Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It, and his latest release Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children.



Jesus is tempted in the desert

1st Sunday of Lent, Year A

Gospel Mt 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'


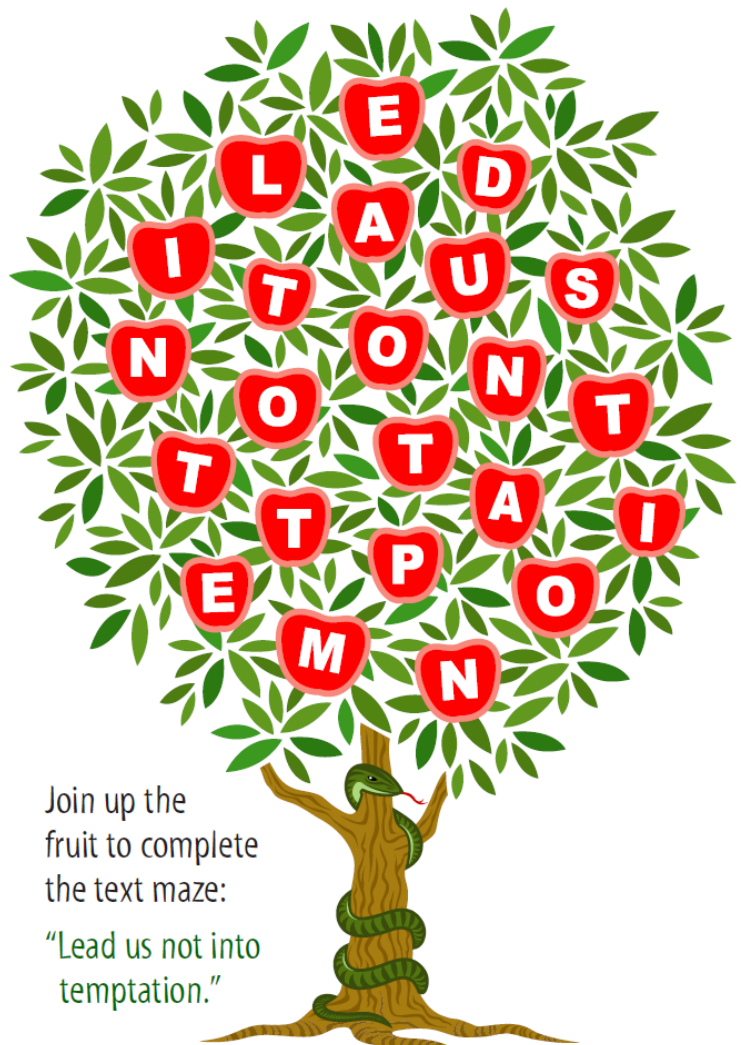
Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

How did Jesus respond to temptation?

<p>Hey Jesus!</p> <p>If you're so hungry, why don't you turn these stones here into bread?</p>	
<p>Hey Jesus!</p> <p>I bet that if you jump off the temple, God will send some angels to catch you!</p>	
<p>Hey Jesus!</p> <p>See all those kingdoms? They're yours!</p> <p>And all you have to do is bow down and worship ME!</p> <p>Too easy!</p>	

Join up the
fruit to complete
the text maze:

"Lead us not into
temptation."