



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

23 May 2019

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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

*"The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."
"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me." John 10: 2-5,14*

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 3 June

Eucharist Party for Gr 4

Mon 10 June

Queens' B'day Public Holiday

Tues 11 June

Professional Learning Day for Staff (Berry St), No School for the children

Fri 21 June

Reports come home today
P&F Movie Night (Sun Theatre Yarraville)

Wed 26 June

Three Way Learning Conversations 3.30-5.55pm

Thurs 27 June

Three Way Learning Conversations 8.00am-3.30pm No School for the children

Fri 28 June

Feast of Sacred Heart - Mass at 11.00am
Term 2 finishes at 3.15pm

Mon 15 July

Term 3 starts at 8.45am

Fri 2 August

Professional Learning for Staff (Berry St) -No school for the children

Thurs 8 Aug

Feast of St Mary of the Cross
MacKillop 9.00am Mass

Thurs 15 Aug

Feast of the Assumption
9.00am Mass

SACRAMENTS

Sun 26 May

10.30am 4G Eucharist

Sun 2 June

10.30am 4H Eucharist

Thurs 10 Oct

Reconciliation time TBC

Fri 15 Nov

7.00 Confirmation



Dear Parent,

On Sunday the students in Year 4G will be receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist. I encourage the Our Lady's School Community to join us at Our Lady's Church Parish Mass at 10:30am on Sunday morning.

I ask you to join me in praying for all the 4G students who are about to receive the Eucharist for the first time. May they know Christ's love and joy everyday of their lives and may the light of Christ always shine upon them and their families.

Many thanks to Miss Caroline Wood (4G), Mr Eamonn Murphy and Mr John Buttigieg (4H), Ms Kriss Oliver (RE/Learning and Teaching leader), Father Peter and Father Lucas for preparing the students so well throughout this first semester.



Eucharist Candidates 2019 Please pray for us



First Eucharist Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist

You left us the outstanding manifestation of your limitless love for us.

Thank You for giving our children the opportunity to experience this love in receiving the Sacrament for the first time.

May your Eucharist presence keep him/her ever free from sin, fortified in faith, pervaded by love for God and neighbour, and fruitful in virtue, that he/she may continue to receive You throughout life and attain final union with You at death. Amen.



ATHLETICS DAY 2019 RESULTS

1st Place	580 points	Chisholm (red)
2nd Place	479 points	Mazenod (yellow)
3rd Place	472 points	MacKillop (green)
4th Place	462 points	Woods (blue)



CHISHOLM
MacKILLOP
MAZENOD
WOODS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the Our Lady's School Athletics Day. I was particularly proud of the students' sportsmanship and positive behaviour throughout the day. It was a real community event with staff, parents and students joining together to make it the fun and successful event that it was. A special thank you to all our wonderful parent volunteers who helped to run the various events. You were fantastic and we could not have done it without you!

In particular I would like to thank Ms. Joanne McManus, our dedicated PE Leader for preparing the children so well. Ms. McManus is an outstanding role model for our children. She always encourages them to do their best and provides both inspiration and motivation to all of our students. Thank you Ms. McManus and thank you to everyone!

A message of thanks and appreciation

We would like to say a big thank you to our wonderful Parents and Friends Committee members and the many volunteers who helped throughout 2018 and raised a total of \$5000 which is being used to purchase much needed new classroom books. This will refresh our current selection of reading material for both classroom use and for students to take home and read.

We appreciate all the time and effort you put into raising the \$5000 and want you to know just how much the staff and students of Our Lady's appreciate all you do.



Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani

Principal

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EXTEND UPDATE.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cooking	Science	Sports Day	Short story writing	Arts and Crafts

The Extend Superstar is...

Natalie... for positively contributing to activities such as arts and crafts and group games. Well done ☆



What's Been Happening?

It's all happening here at extend after school care... We are beginning our new enrichment program for term 2... writing short stories.

We will present our group short story at the end of term 2 and we look forward to seeing all of you.

Families, just a reminder if your children have any preloved books and games you no longer need at home, please consider donating to us here at Extend After School Care.

Enrol and book now: extend.com.au

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

*Toy Story 4 Friday 21st June
6pm Sun Theatre Yarraville*

Tickets \$15 Per Person

Large Popcorn and Drink combo \$10

Small Popcorn and Drink combo \$5

Raffle tickets \$1 each

The raffle will be drawn prior to the movie screening.

Collect your Tickets and Combo vouchers at the Theatre on the night.

Tickets, popcorn/drink combos and raffle tickets available on our QKR App from Monday 20 May until Wednesday 5 June (unless sold out earlier)



Sun Theatre Movie Night

Friday June 21st @6pm

Tickets \$15- purchsed on QKR

Small popcorn
& drink \$5

Large popcorn
& drink \$10

Raffle ticket prizes drawn before the movie



Athletics Day 2019



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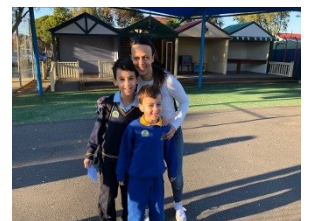
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Walk Safely to School Day



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Sarah, Parent, NSW

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EDUCATION/LEARNING



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.

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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 Aunty 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.

The Holy Spirit will help you



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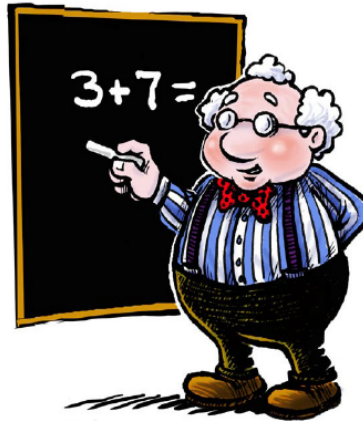
6th Sunday of Easter, Year C

Below are some of the people we have to obey. Who are they and what sort of things do they ask us to do?

Draw a picture of another person who you obey. How are you obedient?







Gospel Jn 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep
my words.

And my word is not my own:
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you
while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.
Peace I bequeath to you,
my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my
gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.
If you loved me you would have been glad
to know that I am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.
I have told you this now before it
happens,
so that when it does happen you may
believe.'

Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to help us obey him. Write down
the things that the Holy Spirit can help you do for Jesus.

