



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

27 May 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

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Genesis 1:26

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sun 29 May 4H Eucharist
10.30am

Wed 1 June School Closure Day -
Staff Professional Development
Literacy

Mon 13 June Queen's Birthday
Public Holiday - No School

Fri 17 June Reports published

Fri 17 June P&F Trivia Night

Wed 22 June Three Way Learning
Conversations 3.30-6.00pm

Thurs 23 June Three Way Learning
Conversations 8.00-3.30 **NO
SCHOOL**

Fri 24 June End of Term 2

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE 2022 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

(students do not attend school):

Wednesday 1 June: Literacy Fo-
cus Professional Development
with Deb Sukarna

Thursday 23 June: Three Way
Learning Conversations (students
attend at their appointment
time)

Monday 31 October: Report
Writing

SACRAMENT DATES

Sun 29 May 10.30am Eucharist
4H

Fri 29 July 7.00pm Confirmation
(Year 6)

Dear Parents,

We had a wonderful start to this week with Athletics Day. The weather was just perfect and allowed the students from Foundation to Year 6 to fully participate in all events. It was great to see so many parents coming to join us at Keilor Park. A big thank you to Jo McManus our PE teacher who via her weekly sports program prepared the students and organised the events. Thank you to all the staff and fantastic parent volunteers who gave up their time to help run the events. We could not have done it without you. Thank you to all the Our Lady's students who showed great sportsmanship throughout the day. I saw many students encouraging each other and also congratulating each other on their achievements.

On the right you can see a photo of Dean (on the left) and John (on the right). Dean is our Maintenance Man and John is our School's Gardener. I'd like to give them a special thank you for taking all the equipment for the Athletics Day to Keilor Park, setting it up and then packing it all up and bringing it back to Our Lady's School. You can also see a picture of Michael in Year 6 who we can clearly see belongs to Mazenod (Yellow) house and who captured the spirit of the day with his bright and creative tribute to his team.

Staff News

Many of you will know that yesterday was our school counsellor Tom Watson's last day at our school. Tom has worked at Our Lady's school for almost five years and is much loved amongst both the staff and the students that he supported. Tom will be greatly missed. We wish him every happiness and success for all his future endeavours.

I have been working to find a new school counsellor and am hopeful that I can secure someone to begin in Term 3.



2022 ATHLETICS DAY RESULTS

1st	713 points	Chisholm (Red)
2nd	670 points	Mazenod (Yellow)
3rd	664 points	MacKillop (Green)
4th	612 points	Woods (Blue)



Ascension Prayer

*We celebrate the Ascension of the Lord forty days after Easter.
All of us will follow him into heaven.*



Father of us all, forty days after his resurrection Jesus ascended to your right hand.

We know that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with us and guide us.
Help us to have faith in the risen Christ and live in the Spirit always.

Amen

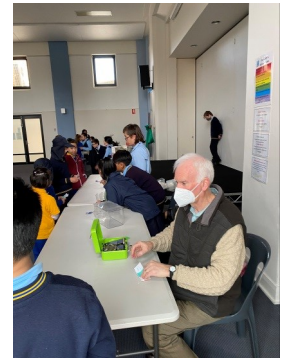
Year 6 Caritas Fundraiser

On Wednesday the Year 6 students showed our School Value of Service and many Leadership qualities by organising, publicising and running a Fundraiser for Caritas.

Activities and guessing games were manned by the Year 6 students themselves with Mr Wickham and Ms Gurry being in charge of collecting the donations that were given by the rest of the school.

Huge congratulations to all of Year 6 for their commitment to the day, as well as raising an amazing **\$429.60** in one snack break!

This wonderful fundraising effort will go to Caritas, who support families and people in need.



Year 6, thank you for all your hard work, initiative and living our St Mary MacKillop's charism by....

**"Never see a need without trying
to do something about it."**

Stacy MacKillop

Reminder

Next Wednesday 1 June

is a Closure Day.

No School for the students.

Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

**Ms Patrizia Bertani
Principal**

principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au



FI

Jason - For showing significant improvement as a Self-Manager. Well done on organising your learning everyday and 'having a go' at every learning task. *From Ms. Cam Tu*

Kitty - For having such a positive attitude on Athletics Day. You gave everything a go and did your personal best! Well done! *From Ms. Cam Tu*

FJ

Ryan - For being a Collaborator in Discovery Learning. You worked with Ms Lorraine to create a fabulous weaving. Well done! *From Miss Wendy*

Atticus - For demonstrating the Learning Asset Thinker in Discovery Learning. You worked out how to take a photograph of a fast flying lorikeet. Well done! *From Miss Wendy*

1K

Mia - for showing huge progress in your reading! You're a star! Well done. *From Miss Shai*

Liam - for showing the Our Lady's Gospel Value of Peace by consistently following the school rules and expectations. *From Miss Shai*

1L

Yodi G - For being a Thinker when making your musical instrument in Discovery Time! Well done for problem solving and thinking of ways to make your shaker work! *From Miss Steph*

Tia T - For demonstrating the Thinker Learning Asset by showing your thinking in artistic ways! Great job retelling Bun-jil's Flight to the Heavens in a creative and logical way. *From Miss Steph*

2M

Joanne- For demonstrating the Our Lady's School Gospel values of Respect and Compassion. Keep up the great work. *From Mrs Granata & Mrs Mendoza*

Tha Tha- For always following instructions, following the school rules and always trying your best in your learning. *From Mrs Granata & Mrs Mendoza*

2N

Ava H - For taking great pride in the presentation of your learning. Well done! *From Mrs Mitchell*

Makuei M - For demonstrating the Our lady's Gospel Value of Courage when you share your ideas during class discussions. Well done! *From Mrs Mitchell*

3E

Quentin S - For showing wonderful thinking in your learning and for being a more focused learner this term. Well done! *From Miss Karen*

Natalie N- For demonstrating the Our Lady's Gospel Value of Respect when speaking and learning with your peers. *From Miss Karen*

3F

Helena L - For demonstrating the Learning Asset of Peace in the positive way that you interact with the staff and students across the school. *From Mr Josh*

Andi M - For showing the Our Lady's Gospel Value of Compassion by being inclusive of all and having a positive attitude each day. *From Mr Josh*

4G

Rhys N - For demonstrating the Our Lady's School Gospel values of Respect through his polite and courteous manner.

From Ms Athena

Pharrell A - For showing the Learning Asset of Thinker and contributing more to class discussions. *From Ms Athena*

4H

Andrew- For displaying the Learning Asset Self Manager by making choices beneficial for your learning. Keep it up! *From Ms. Robles*

Kloe- For displaying your creativity when writing a narrative as well as using your imagination. Keep it up! *From Ms. Robles*

5C

Lucas- for displaying the Learning Asset of Self-Manager during Writing class. Well done! *From Mr Membrey*

Ryan- for demonstrating the Gospel Value of Courage by attempting a challenging writing purpose. Keep it up! *From Mr Membrey*

5D

Harrison - For demonstrating the Our Lady's School Gospel Value of Courage for openly sharing your ideas, success' and challenges during class learning opportunities. Thank you for being so brave! *From Mrs Muscat*

Harry - For displaying the Learning Asset of Self Manager by managing his homework and completing it on time!. Keep up the great work with your short stories - I always love sharing them with the rest of the class! *From Mrs Muscat*

6A

Michael S- For displaying great enthusiasm and support for your team at the Athletics Day. *From Mr Wickham*

For all of 6A For displaying the true meaning and spirit of Year Six Leadership through your participation in the Athletics Day and your successful organization of the Fundraising Day. Lead, Act, Inspire. *From Mr Wickham*

6B

6B - For your amazing efforts organising and running the activities at the Year 6 Caritas fundraiser. You all displayed many leadership qualities. Well done! *From Ms Gurry*



Max T FI
Chloe R FI
Summer F 6A
Kingsley N 5C

Tony N 1K
Amelia T 2M
Ryan L 5C
Jason P FI

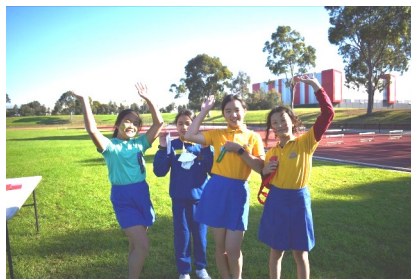
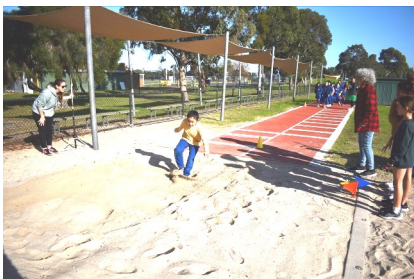


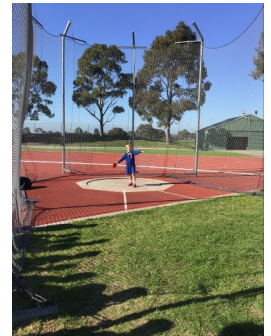
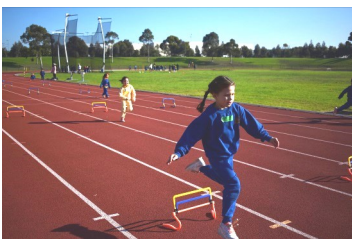
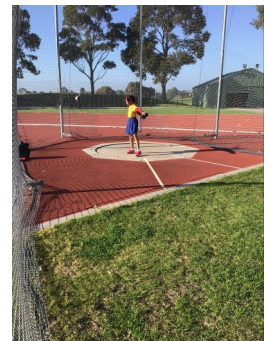
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Eucharist

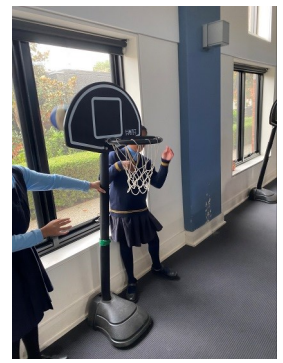


Sports Day

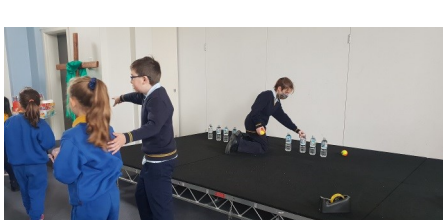








Year 6 Fundraiser for Caritas AUSTRALIA



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the winners of the \$20 Rebel Sport voucher in our Walk Safely to School Day!

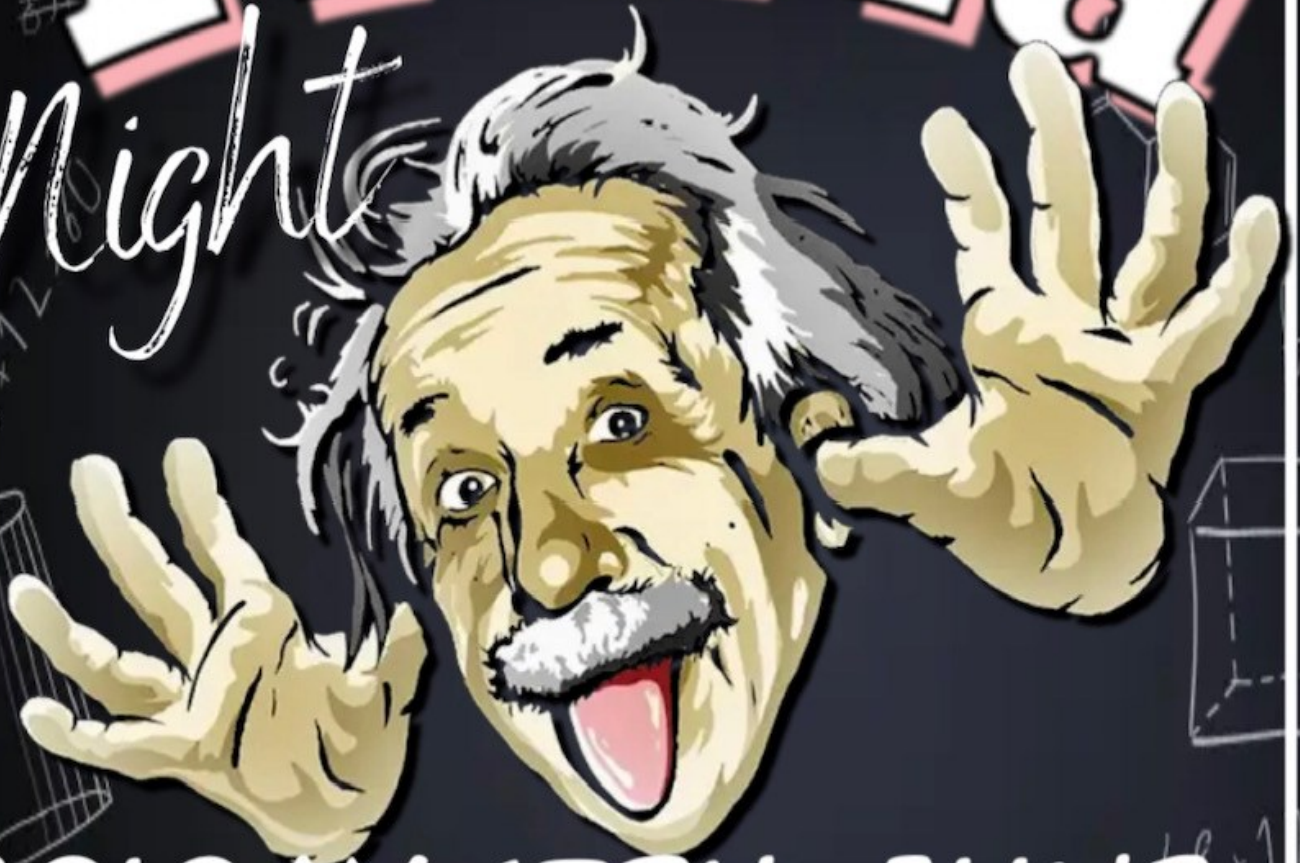
FI	Angela A	FJ	Willow T
1K	Billy H	1L	William O
2M	Laura Bo	2N	Sung Khun T
3E	Natalie Ng	3F	Louisa Jane S
4G	Ruby L	4H	Sally P
5C	Aquelly L	5D	Jonti M
6A	Alisha L	6B	Carry C



Our Lady's Parents and Friends

Trivia

Night



FRIDAY 17TH JUNE

Our Lady's School Hall

Doors Open @6.30 Trivia starts @7pm

**\$15 Per person/ tables of 10 Tickets available on QKR
or at the office.**

Prizes for Winning Table & Silent Auction

BYO Drinks and Snacks



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INSIGHTS

What content are children watching?



There's a rising trend of children watching adult content. Sex scenes, violence and inappropriate language, once shown on television during an adults-only time, are becoming staple viewing for many of today's children.

In a recent poll of 1,800 US parents, 40% admitted allowing their children to watch movies that are unsuitable for their age group. A recent discussion by this writer with parents suggests that the trends are similar in Australia. Very few of the parents I spoke with referred to the classification guidelines when choosing content for their children.

The increase in 'adult-only' animation is one factor that blurs the line of suitability for children. Adult-only genres such as Marvel movies and X Men franchise and television programs such as Game of Thrones and The Walking Dead thanks to streaming now count children among their devotees. Computer games, so popular with many children and young people, also cross the line of acceptability in terms of behaviour and attitudes on display.

Can we become desensitised over time?

Viewing standards, like standards of acceptable behaviour, have subtly shifted over time. Sex scenes, physical violence or violent language is now a common part of adult content, which has a desensitising effect on parents. Desensitisation leads to acceptance and a higher level of exposure to children.

Does fitting in play a part?

Advertisers know that children's pester power can play a significant role in the type of foods that go into the shopping trolley, which influences how food is packaged and promoted. Pester power plays a similar role in the choice of movies and television programs that we allow children to watch. "All the other kids have seen this movie?" is the type of comment from a child that hits a nerve for many parents, who rightfully want their child to fit in with their peers.

What are the risks?

There are many concerns about children being exposed to adult content in movies, television programs and the computer games. Here's a summary:

Developmental risks

Exposure to content that requires complex adult interpretation can be deeply confusing and disturbing to children. They often have difficulty discerning reality from what they are viewing on television so that they can develop a warped world view. The impact may not be immediate, but will show itself increasingly over time when children's attitudes towards sex, their peers or authority reflect the on-screen content they've been viewing.

parenting*ideas

Impact on attitudes and behaviour

Children are like sponges soaking up what they see and hear. Viewing parent-sanctioned programs that display disrespectful behaviour toward women, abuse of alcohol and drugs, and shows violence as normal have a powerful impact on the attitudes and behaviour of children. Viewed often enough, young minds can interpret these types of inappropriate behaviours as normal.

Impact on wellbeing

According to the Australian Council on Children and Media (ACCM) there is significant evidence that exposure by children to adult movies and programs leads to the development of exaggerated fears; causes loss of sleep and increases childhood anxiety. ACCM claims that “these fears are not insignificant and can be long lasting.”

What can you do?

There are a number of actions you can take to ensure the content that children consume is appropriate for their age level, including:

Follow classification guidelines

Become familiar with the [Government classification guidelines](#) for movies, television programs and games. Understand what they mean and develop the habit of checking the classification rating of each new piece of content that children will be watching or interacting with.

Find out

It's easier than ever to find out for yourself the suitability of content for a child or young person. Research methods include vetting a television program yourself for suitability; searching online for views and opinions before allowing your child to watch a movie; reading reviews of online games to ascertain suitability.

Talk with other parents

It's easy to feel isolated as a parent, which makes you more susceptible to children's pester power. Just as children have a propensity to gang up on parents (“Everyone in my class is watching that movie”), parents can gain the strength that comes with numbers when they talk with each other (“I've just checked with some mums and no one is allowing their child to watch that movie”).

Many current community concerns about children such as the increase in anxiety levels, disrespectful relationships and a propensity towards aggression is mirrored in the content many children consume in movies, television and games. It would be folly to suggest that inappropriate content consumption is the root cause of these maladies, however winding back the viewing habits of children to reflect more closely their developmental levels would have a surprisingly positive impact.



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.



Jesus was taken up to heaven

The Ascension of the Lord, Year C

Draw Jesus ascending into heaven.



Even though Jesus ascended into heaven he is always with us. Complete the sentences below.

Gospel

Luke 24:50-53

Jesus took the disciples as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

Jesus is with me when....

Jesus is with me when....

Jesus is with me when....