



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

3 March 2016

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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

'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful' Luke 6:36



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed 9 Mar

Foundation BBQ 5.30-

7.00pm

P&F AGM 7.00pm

Friday 11 Mar

Parish Movie

Mon 14 Mar

Labour Day Public Holiday

Tues 15 Mar

Catholic Education Week

Wed 16 Mar

School Photos

PAB AGM 7.00pm

Thurs 24 Mar

End of Term 1 at 3.15pm

Mon 11 Apr

Start of Term 2 at 8.45am

Fri 22 Apr

Professional Learning for Staff (First Aid & Emergency Management) - **No school for the children**

Mon 25 Apr

ANZAC Day - Public Holiday

Sacraments

Sun 24 July

10.30am Eucharist 4H

Sun 31 July

10.30am Eucharist 4G

Thurs 8 Sept

7.00pm First Reconciliation

Fri 11 Nov

7.00pm Confirmation

To the Parents and all the Our Lady's School Community,

We are in the third week of Lent and it is a good time to reflect on how we are travelling on our Lenten journey.

Let us keep ourselves open to the opportunities that Lent brings for us to take action to connect more deeply with our God: through prayer and merciful deeds towards both ourselves and others. I see good deeds being done everyday at Our Lady's School by both staff and children and being privilege to this makes me ever more mindful of the power of small deeds to change the world for the better.

Welcome to Father Vinh Nguyen

Father Vinh is our new Assistant Priest and yesterday he came to meet the staff and the children. We can see both Father Vinh and Father Peter with the children of Year 3E who asked them both many questions. One question was, What is your favourite food? Father Vinh replied that he liked all food and Father Peter said that he likes lasagne the best. Many children agreed with Father Peter's choice of favourite food. We are very fortunate to have two priests at Our Lady's Parish and thank them for their visit yesterday.



The Wonder of Living-Family Enrichment Program

On Tuesday evening we ran our first of a series of 3 Parent Information Evenings with Alison Campbell who introduced 'The Wonder of Living Family Enrichment Program' to the parents and staff who attended the meeting. This program is being introduced at Our Lady's to help our students in Years 3-6 begin to learn about important topics centred around Health Education. Our Year 5 students will be learning about some aspects of Health as part of their Faith-Life Inquiry this term, and students in Years 3, 4 and 6 will have the opportunity to learn about age appropriate health content with their parents at **Parent/Child Sessions** later in the school year.

The response from the 40 parents who attended was overwhelmingly positive. Alison provided parents with ideas for building positive communications and dialogue with their child. Alison highlighted the importance of parents taking the time to talk to their child about their own beliefs, values and experiences in regards to relationships and issues associated with various stages of life such as puberty and adolescence. We hope that many more parents will attend the next two meetings that we will advertise in this newsletter.



Blessing of Friends Prayer

We should give thanks to God. The people in our lives are a blessing. Thank you, God, for the blessing of friends who care about us and listen to us and have fun with us. Help us to show appreciation for all they are to us. May we reach out a hand in friendship to someone else in your name so they will know what it means to have a friend.

Amen



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL REVIEW 2016



In 2016 our school will undertake a School Review—a process that happens every four years in conjunction with Catholic Education Melbourne. The review will be conducted in all of the five spheres of schooling: Education in Faith, Leadership and Management, Learning and Teaching, Student Wellbeing and Community. The framework for the review incorporates the following four accountability components:

- Assessing school improvement progress via an internal School Self-Reflection Report and External School Review
- Planning for improvement via a four-year School Improvement Plan
- Reporting on progress via an Annual Report to the School Community
- Managing risk and compliance with legislation and regulation via the Victorian Registration & Qualifications Authority (VRQA)

The School Improvement Framework is underpinned by a belief that an effective school knows:

- What it is aiming to achieve.
- Whether it is meeting its aims successfully.
- What needs to be maintained or improved.
- Whether strategies are working.
- What the community values about the school.

The approach requires all schools to regularly reflect upon questions such as:

- How are we going?
- How do we know?
- What would we like to achieve?
- What do we have to do to achieve these outcomes?
- How will we know whether we have achieved what we want?

We value the review process as it supports school improvement in all the five spheres of schooling. There will be an opportunity for representatives from all members of our school community; students, staff and parents to have a voice in this process.

On Wednesday Year 6 students from the Social Justice and Environmental Committees attended a Justice for Leaders Conference at a neighbouring Catholic school, Mother of God Ardeer. They participated in workshops with students from other Catholic schools in the area with a facilitator from Caritas Australia. They experienced deep learning opportunities focused on putting social justice into action. I am very excited to hear about their ideas in regards to the focus of Social Justice at Our Lady's School for 2016. Thank you to Ms Halina Lipski our Religious Education Leader who accompanied the students to this conference. This conference was focused on the following Our Lady's school values:

JUSTICE COMPASSION SERVICE

Here we see:

Remi

Richard

Alor

Nyandeng

Tristan

Makayla and

Doi

who attended the
Social Justice Conference.



LEARNING ABOUT SOCIAL JUSTICE AT MOTHER OF GOD ARDEER



Year Six Leading the way

THANK YOU
YEAR SIX!

ART



ASSEMBLY



BIG BUDDY



SOCIAL JUSTICE



ENVIRONMENT



Our Year 6 students are living out the value of **SERVICE** as they actively work in their committees to improve Our Lady's School.

Year Six Leading the way

MacKillop Village



Library



Thank you Year Six you are GREAT role models for all the younger students.

ICT

Hospitality



We are so proud of the work that our Year Six leaders are doing at our school. They ARE making a positive difference and really working side by side with the staff to make sure that we continue to live out the legacy of St Mary MacKillop of the Cross which was passed down to us by the Sisters of St Joseph who lived and worked in our school and parish for 73 years.

Never See A Need Without Trying To Do Something About It.

Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani

Principal

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A Reminder about child safety

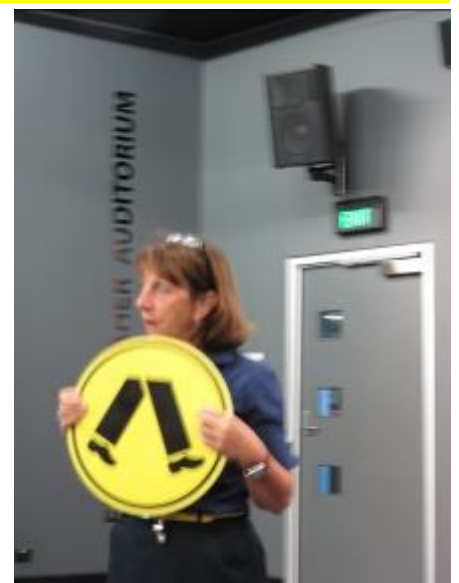
Please remember that you should not drop your child off at school before 8:20am as there is no teacher on duty before that time. Let's work together to keep our children safe at all times.



Please speak to your child about road safety rules and safe behaviour when riding a bike or scooter.



RACV incursion for Year2 and Year 4 students who are learning about the importance of road safety rules



YMCA Healthy Kids OSHC
Our Lady's Primary
PROGRAM AT A GLANCE



For all **Bookings** and **Cancellations** please call us directly on **0401 700 401**
Email us: ourladysoshc@ymca.org.au
For any **Account Information** please call our office on: **8371 0500**
www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au

DAY	ACTIVITY	AFTERNOON TEA
MONDAY	Kids choice free painting, activity sheets, soccer	Bread sandwich
TUESDAY	Paper bag animal puppets, soccer, cricket, playground	Biscuits, crackers
WEDNESDAY	Kids choice art and craft activities ,soccer, cricket	Noodles
THURSDAY	Book mark, cricket, soccer	Salada with spread
FRIDAY	Kids in kitchen cooking, soccer, playground	Bread sandwich

Dear Families,

Get ready for autumn school holiday fun!

Program runs from 7:00 am- 6:00 pm. For more information please visit our web-site: www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au.



2016 enrolments are open now and you can fill the enrolment forms online from our website, www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au before your child attends the session.

For more information please contact our staff at Our Lady's School from 2:45 p.m-6:00 p.m.

For all accounts queries please contact our office.

Our office email address is Childrensservices.vic@ymca.org.au ,PH- 8371 0500.

Our school email address is ourladysoshc@ymca.org.au , PH-0401 700 401

If you or someone else is picking up your child (children) early on your behalf and if you child/ren are not attending the after school care, please let OSHC coordinator know.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING

SCHOOLPIX will be visiting us on **WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH**

Sibling Photo forms are available at the Office

PHOTO DAY TIPS:

- Dress:** Full summer uniform for **ALL STUDENTS**.
Grades 3E, 3F, 5C and 5D have Sport on Wednesdays so the will need to either bring their sport uniform in a bag to change into or just bring their runners.
- Hair:** All hair shoulder length or longer **MUST** be tied up/back.
- Manual Orders:** Complete your order form and return with payment to school by photography day
- Online Orders:** To pre-order online, take your personal Order and ID Numbers found on your order form and go to www.schoolpix.com.au. Orders can be placed online up to 2 working days after photography. **You do not need to return the order form if you order online.**
- Sibling Orders:** For a special photo of you children together, collect a Sibling Order Form from the office or download it from the SchoolPix website and return it by photography day. Alternatively Order Online by **10am** on photography day.

Remember: All orders placed online will receive a free 20cm x 25cm black and white portrait print.



PO Box 5222, Hallam VIC 3803 Ph: 1300 766 055 Email: info@schoolpix.com.au



Caritas

In Year 6 we have been discussing ways to make a difference in our community especially during Lent. As our lenten promise we are aiming to raise \$390 for Caritas which will enable them to construct a toilet and improve sanitation for a family in Malawi.

We are going to have two fundraisers.

The first fundraiser will be a cake stall on the 10th March at recess. We would love you to help support us!!!



Fundraising



When : Thursday 10th March

Time : Snack (if leftovers lunch as well)

Where : Trees Near The Church

What: Cake and Infused Water Stall



Parish Movie Afternoon Tea

CAN YOU HELP?



Desperately seeking parents with a current WWCC - How can you assist?

The cooking programme needs 4 parents each movie day to work with a small group of students to prepare afternoon tea for the parishioners.

Experience & qualifications: + an interest in cooking
+ an ability to work with a small (max. 4) students
+ a large dose of enthusiasm
+ calmness under pressure

Ingredients and recipes are supplied as is willing and capable student trainee cooks!

You do not have to have a child in Years 5 or 6 to assist however due to Health and safety issues, volunteers cannot bring children with them into the kitchen.

Food preparation time is from 9a.m. to 11a.m.

Please return marked with a tick those dates on which you can help.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 11 th March, 2016 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 th May, 2016 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18 th June, 2016 | <input type="checkbox"/> 15 th July, 2016 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 14 th October, 2016 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 th November, 2016 |
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Name : _____ Contact Number: _____

Child's Name and classroom: _____

Feel free to contact me, Toni Balbata, through the office on 9312 2230.

Thanking you in advance of your most generous and positive response.

Sincerely,

Toni Balbata





I was lost but now I am found



My name is

4th Sunday of Lent, Year C

Gospel Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

Lent is a time to focus on the act of forgiveness.

We ask God to forgive us for the wrong things that we do. In the story of the prodigal son....

What wrong things did the younger son do? _____

What did he do to show he was sorry? _____

When I do things against my friends, I can show them that I am sorry by...

When I do things against my family, I can show them that I am sorry by...

When I do things against God, I can show him that I am sorry by...