



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 12 November 2021 www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

Parish Priest: Fr. Peter-Damien McKinley
Principal: Ms. Patrizia Bertani
Parish Mass Times:
English: Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 9:00am, 10:45am & 5:30pm
Vietnamese: Saturday 7.30pm, Sunday 12.30pm
Chin: Sunday 2.30pm
School Phone: 9312 2230
School website: www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

Our Lady's is a Child Safe School

'And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger' Luke 2:12

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Every Friday Assembly is online

Friday 12 November

Yr 6B Confirmation 5.30pm

Friday 19 November

Yr 6A Confirmation 5.30pm

Monday 6 December

Dinner in the Yard 6.00-8.00pm

Wednesday 8 December

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday 9 December

Grade 6 Graduation (Time TBC)

Friday 10 December

Whole School Excursion - Steam

Rail Trip

Wednesday 15 December

Students finish for 2021 at

3.00pm

Dear Parents,

Below you will see photos of our Year 6 Confirmation candidates. I ask you to keep these students in your prayers. Students in 6B will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this evening and students in 6A will be receiving the Sacrament next Friday. The students will be attending a Confirmation Retreat Day next Thursday where they will be encouraged to reflect on and respond to how they will use the gifts of the spirit in their lives in order to be a positive influence in their family and in their community. Next Thursday at lunchtime the students will have their Confirmation party and a special lunch will be provided by the school so they will not need to bring lunch next Thursday.

Thank you to all the parents who are sending their child/children to school with a face mask and also to all parents for taking their children to be tested when there is any COVID symptom. Unfortunately in today's world even a sniffle can not be overlooked, as directed by the Chief Health Officer (CHO). I am very grateful for the collaborative way our community has worked together to ensure that we keep our students as safe as possible.

I would like to thank our Italian teacher Maestro Matteo for organising the Italian puppet theatre performance by the Carrousel Theatre Company of the Jungle Book or in Italian Il Libro della Giungla. It was a bilingual performance which sprinkled much magic in amongst the students who watched the performance in the school's Father John Maher Auditorium. You can see photos of the performance in this edition of the newsletter.



Confirmation Candidates 2021 Please pray for us



REMEMBRANCE DAY PRAYER

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace: for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God; may God give peace.



For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return; may God give peace. For peacemakers and peacekeepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free; may God give peace. Lord, many persons we know and love have served in our Armed Forces to help make the world a more peaceful place. We lift them up to you – those who have died and those still with us. May our prayer today help bring them and their loved ones comfort, peace and hope. We make this prayer to You in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen

A SPECIAL WHOLE SCHOOL EVENT TO SAY THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL STUDENTS

I am just so happy to announce that we can now take students on excursions. The staff and I wanted to do something very special for our students. Miss Wendy had the idea of going on an excursion on a steam train. After some investigation I am happy to announce that we have organised a whole school picnic for Friday the 10th of December for 2 reasons:

- 1.- to honour our School's Feast Day as it is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on the 8th of December and
- 2.- to give our students an opportunity to celebrate together as we near the end of what has been a very challenging year.



In order to make it a very special experience we will be travelling by Steam Train and there will be old fashioned conductors on the train who will journey with us. We will leave from Sunshine Station and travel to Maddingley Park in Bacchus Marsh where the children will have a picnic, and enjoy the wonderful facilities at this beautiful park.

Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grant

We're excited to announce that Our Lady's is one of 111 schools and youth organisations to receive a 2021 Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grant. We're using our \$5500 grant for our "Breathing Life into Kororoit Creek and the Bay" project.

Students at Our Lady's, Mother of God and St Theresa's Primary schools will share the money, to participate in excursions visiting Kororoit creek and its surrounding environment, as well as the Jawbone Sanctuary in Williamstown, where the creek enters Port Phillip Bay.

Activities undertaken will include marine science based activities, tree planting, litter clean up, water testing and macroinvertebrate studies. Learning will directly align with the curriculum unit's students are undertaking, bringing an element of hands on learning and science to daily schooling. Though educating the children about these environments we hope they will form a sense of stewardship and connection to the nearby Kororoit Creek and connected Bayside environment.

Where possible we would also love parents to come along and join us. Keep an eye on emails, newsletters and notices to remain up to date on these opportunities or email Greg Woolford on gwoolford@mogardeer.catholic.edu.au

Greg Woolford
Family School Partnerships Leader



Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani

Principal

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Term 4, WEEK 3 ⇨ Drop off and pick up gate arrangements			
A-F ☀ Morning Drop Off (Victoria Street)		G-L ☀ Morning Drop Off (Station Place)	
8:20 → 8:45	A-F Back gate on Victoria Street (near Yr2 classes) & Church gate (near canteen)	8:20 → 8:45	Main entrance (near office) - Station place & Station Place gate (near Foundation and Yr 4 classes)
A-F ☀ Afternoon Pick Up (Victoria Street)		G-L ☀ Afternoon Pick Up (Station Place)	
3:05 → 3:14	Back gate on Victoria Street (near Yr2 classes) & Church gate (near canteen)	3:05 → 3:14	Main entrance (near office) - Station place & Station Place gate (near Foundation and Yr 4 classes)
Wednesday only 2:50 → 2:59		Wednesday only 2:50 → 2:59	
M-R ☀ Morning Drop Off (Victoria Street)		S-Z ☀ Morning Drop Off (Station Place)	
8:20 → 8:45	Back gate on Victoria Street (near Yr2 classes) & Church gate (near canteen)	8:20 → 8:45	Main entrance (near office) - Station place & Station Place gate (near Foundation and Yr 4 classes)
M-R ☀ Afternoon Pick Up (Victoria Street)		S-Z ☀ Afternoon Pick Up (Station Place)	
3:15 → 3:25	Back gate on Victoria Street (near Yr2 classes) & Church gate (near canteen)	3:15 → 3:25	Main entrance (near office) - Station place & Station Place gate (near Foundation and Yr 4 classes)
Wednesday only 3:00 → 3:10		Wednesday only 3:00 → 3:10	
To make pick ups easier, the eldest child must collect their brothers/sisters so they can leave together.			



Bilingual Puppet Show:

Il Libro Della Giungla - The Jungle Book





FI

Brian - For displaying the Learning Assets of a Researcher and Communicator. You communicated your ideas well about where to locate information and who to ask. Well done superstar! *From Ms. Cam Tu*

Savannah - For working consistently in writing. Keep up the great work Savannah! *From Ms. Cam Tu*

FJ

Zade - For being a great Self-Manager when transitioning back to school. You remembered so many of the things that great learners do, and we are so glad to have you back. *From Miss Wendy*

Jayden - For showing the Our Lady's Gospel Value of Respect at all times. You listen to the ideas of others, ideas and treat everyone with dignity. You are a great friend, Jayden. *From Miss Wendy*

1K

Madeline R - For always showing respect towards your peers and teachers. You are always ready to learn and listen to others. Well done! *From Miss O'Connell*

Amelia T - For helping others in the class this week. You are always happy to help someone who is unsure or needs encouragement. Keep it up! *From Miss O'Connell*

1L

Lincoln H - For being a wonderful Collaborator who worked well with others to investigate animals and their habitats. *From Miss Steph*

Evie H - For showing the Researcher Learning Asset when looking up information about the T-Rex! Great job locating information from a variety of sources! *From Miss Steph*

2M

Charlotte M- For displaying the Our Lady's Gospel Value of 'Respect' to peers and teachers! Well done! *From Ms Frost*

Archie S - For writing a super creative information report on 'Frogs', and for editing his own writing. Well done! *From Ms Frost*

2N

Ben M - For being a persistent learner and always trying your best. Ben, you wrote an interesting information report about ants, using information you gathered with your research group. Well done Ben! *From Ms Howe*

Imogen T - For writing an engaging perspective piece from a nurse's point of view. Well done and keep it up Imogen! *From Ms Howe*

3E

Kloe - For writing an interesting information report on Narwhals. Great research Kloe! *From Miss Karen*

Alexander - For excellent learning in Mathematics. Great use of strategies to solve word problems. *From Miss Karen*

3F

David H For being an independent writer during Writer's Workshop and proofreading and editing your work. Keep up the great work David! *From Mr Josh*

Tracey L For demonstrating the Learning Asset of Self-Manager by organising your learning space each day and reading instructions more carefully. Amazing effort Tracey! *From Mr Josh*

4G

Evelyn W For thinking outside of the box during our STEAM work, creating a wonderfully wacky Komodo Dragon hat! *From Ms Wood*

Ryan L For demonstrating leadership qualities this week. You have been a role model during Writer's Workshop and

have taken it upon yourself to lead by example. Keep it up! *From Ms Wood*

4H

Lucas- For being an independent during the Writer's workshop by using a dictionary when checking how to spell a word. *From Ms. Robles*

Grace- For starting to become an independent writer by reading over your draft and circling words that need to be checked. *From Ms. Robles*

5C

Mikayla -For using the Character Strength of Leadership to make sure all our games ran smoothly and fairly when you made sure everyone had an opportunity to participate in our game during afternoon movement! *From Ms. Kaan*

Eve I- For formulating rich interview questions that provoked rich thinking and dialog about stereotypes in sport. *From Ms. Kaan*



5D

Chan Chan for working well with others and always being attentive and respectful in class. *From Ms Shai*

Karen for showing persistence when researching for your writing piece this week. *From Ms Shai*

6A

Michael C: For an excellent effort in completing your Confirmation Poster and for showing a real enthusiasm for the task. *From Mr Wickham*

Kobe P: For your insightful and reflective comments about the Holy Spirit that you wrote while preparing your Confirmation Poster. *From Mr Wickham*

6B

Kobie H - For making a positive return to face-to-face learning and creating an excellent poster for your Confirmation. You have displayed the skills of an effective self-manager! Keep it up! *From Ms. Gurry*

Lucas N - For creating an excellent Confirmation poster. You took care when drafting your information and creatively arranged your work! *From Ms. Gurry*



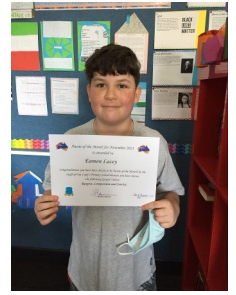
Ivan W 3E
Jiaxi H 6B
Digby M 5D
Benjamin B 1L
Lucas D 4H
Mrs Carrabott



AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Eamon L (6B) and Alisha L (5D) who were presented with the Our Lady's Aussie of the Month Awards for November at last Friday's Assembly.

Thank you for showing the Our Lady's Values of *Compassion, Courage, Justice, Peace, Respect and Service*.



PREPARATIONS FOR 2022

As we are beginning our preparations for 2022 we ask that parents let us know as soon as possible if their children are not returning to Our Lady's next year. We have had many inquiries about places for 2022 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 2022 (apart from our current year 6 children) 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 NOT returning to Our Lady's School in 2022

Family Name: _____

Child/children's names

1. _____ 2021 Grade: _____

2. _____ 2021 Grade: _____

3. _____ 2021 Grade: _____

Name of our new school: _____

And / Or

Our new address: _____

Signed: _____ ***(Parent)***

Please return this form to the office as soon as possible

INSIGHTS

Helping siblings resolve their fights



With family members living in close proximity during the current COVID-19 pandemic, parents may find an increase in sibling squabbles. This is understandable as any relationship is tested to its limits by excess time and lack of space. Sibling squabbles usually arise over low level issues such as space (“He’s sitting in my seat.”), possessions (“That’s my book!”) and fairness (“It’s not fair. I was here first!”). It’s enough to send most parents around the twist.

While it seems that kids in families are programmed to fight with each other, the good news is that parents have the power to facilitate learning.

According to a recent study, sibling fights teach kids important conflict resolution skills. In fact, parents who stop their children from arguing may well be depriving them of important learning opportunities. Researcher Laurie Kramer from the University of Illinois in the US found that kids who learned how to argue with their siblings had more advanced emotional development.

Many parents also worry that their children who fight with each other will not get along as adults. The evidence doesn’t support this view. The test for strong families is more about the willingness for kids to pull together when the chips are down, rather than the frequency of the squabbling.

Healthy families know how to fight well. When parents take an active approach to helping their children resolve their fights, they are teaching them a valuable life skill as well as reducing the incidence of fighting over the long term. Here are some practical strategies to use:

Model good conflict resolution skills

Kids wear L plates when it comes to solving disputes. Some kids will yell, get abusive or even get physical when they are settling disputes. Show them better ways of sorting out problems by talking things through with your partner, compromising and apologising when you’ve said something upsetting to your partner or your children.

Help kids manage their emotions

“Yep, it would make me mad too if someone said that to me.” Usually someone’s feelings get hurt when siblings argue so make sure you recognise their emotions without taking sides. This focus on feelings helps kids develop emotional literacy and promotes empathy in siblings as well.

Monitor sibling relationships

Keep your antenna up for the signs of discord within sibling relationships. Some disputes kids can sort out themselves, but you need to be ready to intervene and assist kids in the peace-brokering, or at least to act as a safety net when one child continually appears on the wrong end of a power imbalance.

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Mentor them to sort out disputes

Kids need the chance to sort their conflict out themselves, but sometimes they need a little coaching. They often invite their parents to take sides, which is usually counter-productive. Rather than trying to sort out who started an argument, focus on possible solutions, provide suggestions such as taking turns, giving way, bargaining, swapping or even walking away.

Encourage them to make up

Kids often get over disputes far quicker than adults. They can be squabbling one minute and cuddling up the next, so it gets tricky intervening sometimes. However there are times when you need to encourage a child to mend bridges with an aggrieved sibling. This can mean kids have to swallow their pride, admit that they may be wrong, make an apology or make some sort of restitution such as doing a special favour. This type of restoration means kids must take responsibility for their behaviours and is a sign of growing maturity.

Conflict and siblings tend to go together. While sibling squabbles can be annoying, they also offer parents great opportunities to help kids to handle conflict effectively, which is a great life skill.

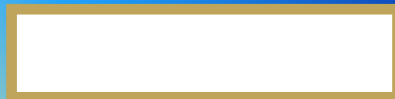


Michael Grose

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.

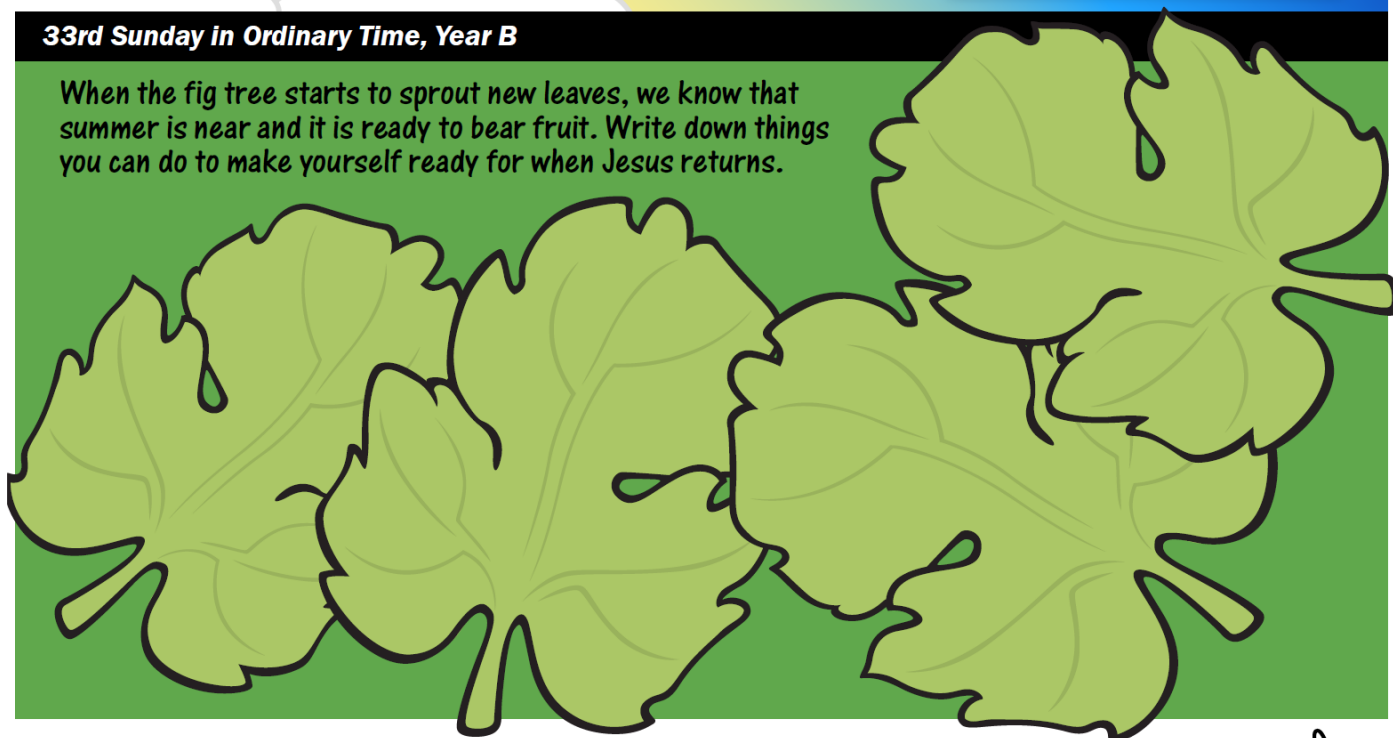


We are God's chosen ones



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

When the fig tree starts to sprout new leaves, we know that summer is near and it is ready to bear fruit. Write down things you can do to make yourself ready for when Jesus returns.



Gospel

Mk 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

FIND THE SECRET ANSWER

Help the angel find the hidden answer to the question.... "Who will know when the time is right for Jesus to return?". In the puzzle below, cross out any letter that appears four or more times. Then unscramble the remaining letters to complete the verse below.



B	M	G	S	N	D	V	K	P	Y	Z
J	W	Q	I	H	Z	O	S	W	E	V
P	C	T	B	V	Q	G	X	M	P	I
M	Q	S	L	N	K	Y	C	S	U	B
X	D	J	M	T	X	V	D	J	Z	V
L	U	O	K	S	J	B	K	C	D	R
Q	E	L	P	G	O	Z	U	Q	S	Y
G	I	W	U	X	M	F	K	C	N	G
L	O	C	S	B	I	P	L	J	D	P
Z	U	Y	L	H	N	G	Q	A	W	K

ONLY _____ KNOWS.