



## OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

15 November 2018

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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](http://www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au)  
*Our Lady's is a Child Safe School*

*'I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible' The Nicene Creed*

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Fri 16 Nov**

7.00pm Confirmation

**Mon 19 Nov**

Confirmation Party

**Mon 19 Nov-Fri 30 Nov**

Swimming Program

**Sun 2 Dec**

First Sunday of Advent

**Tues 4 Dec**

2nd Foundation 2019 Transition Afternoon

**Fri 7 Dec**

2.30pm Feast of Immaculate Conception Assembly  
Reports go home

**Sat 8 Dec**

Feast of Immaculate Conception

**Tues 11 Dec**

3rd Foundation 2019 Transition Afternoon

**Thurs 13 Dec**

Graduation Mass & Disco

**Fri 14 Dec**

Parish Movie

**Mon 17 Dec**

12.00-1.00pm Years 1-6 Orientation

Dinner in the Yard & Art Show

**Wed 19 Dec**

9.00am End of School Mass  
3.00pm Students finish for 2018

### SACRAMENTS

Confirmation (Year 6)

Fri 16 November 7.00pm

Dear Parent,

On Tuesday we had our first Transition Session for the Foundation 2019 students. It was wonderful to be able to warmly welcome back existing families with young siblings and to also embrace new families to the Our Lady's Parish School Community. We want all parents and friends of Our Lady's School to always feel welcomed and valued by the staff.

As a part of their journey towards receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation the Year Six students that you see in the photographs below went to St. Joseph's Convent in Williamstown, for their Confirmation Prayer Day. The day was designed as an opportunity for deep reflection and dialogue, in preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Friday. We thank Father Peter and Father Lucas who joined us in the beautifully restored chapel in prayer and reflection. Sister Carmel who organises school groups who go to visit the convent was very impressed by the children's good manners and behaviour throughout the day. A big thank you to Ms Kriss Oliver (RE and Learning and Teaching Leader), Mrs Pauline Zammit (6A) and Miss Jessica Steele (6B) for organising this day.



*Confirmation Candidates 2018 Please pray for us*



### Confirmation Prayer

*In Confirmation we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We are strengthened for our faith journey.*



Dear God, we come before you with our prayer. Soon we will be confirmed in our faith in you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, help us to walk your way of love and serve others in your name. may we live always as people of prayer who make good choices in our lives. As we prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, we ask your blessing on all of us. Lord, we ask you to hear our prayers and petitions and those prayers we hold in our hearts. Amen.



# Music and Fun on the Music School Bus



*We have already received over 90 Expressions of Interest from students wanting to learn an instrument next year - how exciting!*

*Please make sure you return your Expression of Interest form to the Office by Monday 19 November.*



## A Very special Event

Recently we received a very special invitation from the Sunshine RSL to participate in a special ceremony for the 100 year anniversary marking the end of World War One. Our Year Six students were able to participate in the unveiling of 11 Oak trees and their plaques to honour all those who lost their lives. Year Six students from our school went along to Wheelahan Gardens and joined students from Sunshine Harvester, the Brimbank City Council and the Sunshine Historical Society for this event. They were greeted by members of the RSL or Returned Service League, who were delighted to speak to the students and touched by how respectful our students were.



This event is connected to Remembrance Day which occurs every year on November the 11th. Eleven Oak trees have been planted with a plaque by the Sunshine RSL. The Oak Trees and the plaques will be a permanent reminder in Sunshine which honours the 11<sup>th</sup> hour on the 11<sup>th</sup> day on the 11<sup>th</sup> month, Remembrance Day. Now we can all go for a walk to Wheelahan Gardens to see the 11 Oak trees grow and flourish.

## Swimming Information

As you know swimming commences on Monday. Thank-you for returning the permission notes promptly. Just a few important things to remember throughout the two week swimming program:

- Please ensure your child comes to school with their bathers on underneath their sports/school uniform.
- Parents visiting MUST enter through the main entrance doors and report to the Customer Service Desk to advise that they are watching the swim program with the school.
- No photographs may be taken by parents. Schools may take photographs for school usage. All school photography must be handled by a school staff member and they MUST fill in an appropriate form located at the Customer Service Desk.
- Parents and Spectators must remain 4 metres from the edge of the pool, and may not approach children during lessons. It distracts the children, and can lead to safety issues if we need to perform a pool evacuation.
- On Friday 30th November, the students **last session** will involve RESCUE TRAINING. Therefore, on the last day, all students will need to bring a set of clothes they can wear in the pool and have their bathers on underneath.

**We appreciate your support in supporting us to make the swimming sessions as successful as they can be.**



Yours sincerely,

*Patrizia Bertani*

**Ms Patrizia Bertani**

**Principal**

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### **NOVEMBER**

Fri 16th 7.00pm Confirmation

Mon 19th Confirmation Party

Mon 19-Fri 30 10 day Swimming Program

### **DECEMBER**

Fri 7th Feast of Immaculate Conception Assembly, Reports come home

Thurs 13th Grade 6 Graduation Mass

Mon 17th Dinner in the Yard and Art Show

Wed 19th 9.00am End of Year Mass. 3.00pm Students finish for 2018



**Donations  
are greatly  
Appreciated!**



#### PREPARATIONS FOR 2019

As we are beginning our preparations for 2019, 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 2019 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 2019 (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 2019

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child/children's names

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|----------|--------------|
| 1. _____ | Grade: _____ |
| 2. _____ | Grade: _____ |
| 3. _____ | Grade: _____ |
| 4. _____ | Grade: _____ |

Suburb we are moving to: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of our new school: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Parent)**

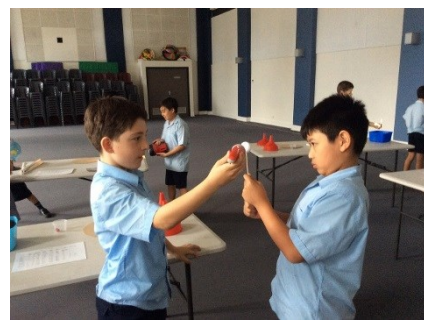
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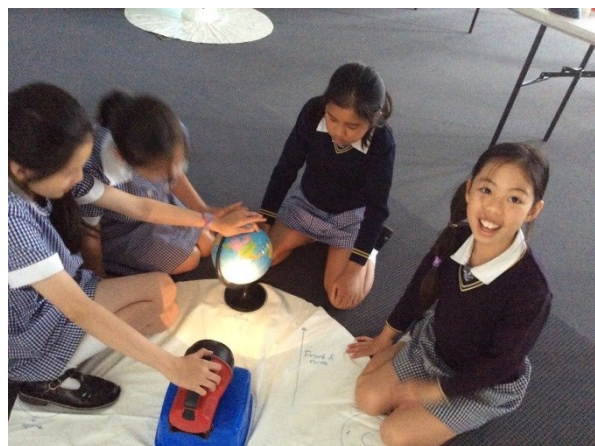
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the garden

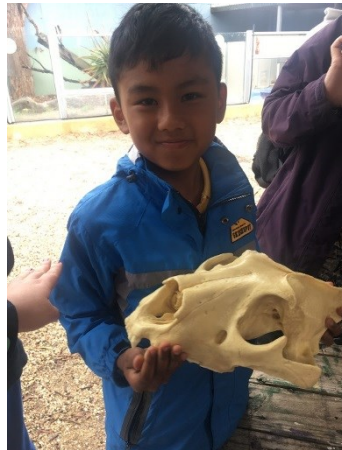
'How do we  
care for living things?'





# Year 4 Incursion 'Earth Moon Sun'





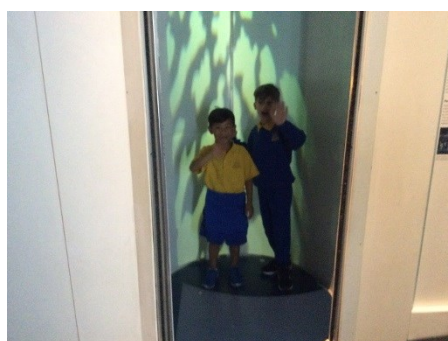
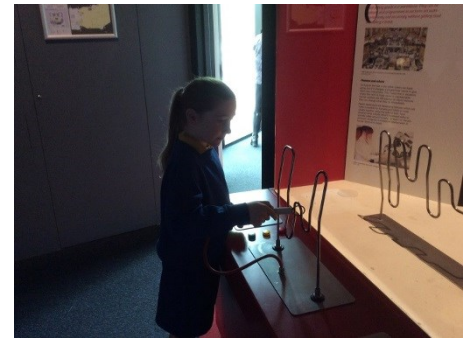
Grade 3 at







# Grade 2 at Scienceworks



# insights

## When kids bend the truth

by Michael Grose



*As a rule of thumb, step back and try to identify the purpose of a child's untruths. This indicates to parents how they should deal with the behaviour.*

Children often bend the truth to suit themselves. They sometimes tell fibs to escape punishment or avoid being caught when misbehaviour occurs. Some kids fantasise about their exploits to make themselves appear bigger, more daring or more exciting than they really are. These children often think that they are not much good and so invent a few tales to make themselves seem more interesting. Of course, some children fantasise purely because it is fun to stretch the truth a little. It is more fun to run away from 'a ferocious man-eating tiger' than be scared of the next-door neighbour's moggie.

As a rule of thumb, step back and try to identify the purpose of a child's untruths. This indicates to parents how they should deal with the behaviour.

### Escaping negative consequences

Eight-year-old Pamela spilt a container of milk on the kitchen floor. She panicked, replaced the empty container in the refrigerator and went off to her bedroom to read. When her mother saw the mess, she asked Pamela if she knew what had happened. The child denied any knowledge of it. 'What milk do you mean, Mum?' said Pamela, with an innocent look on her face. Her mother, knowing immediately that her daughter was responsible, asked her to help to clean up the mess. Avoiding a scene, she made sure that her daughter didn't escape the consequence of cleaning up the mess that she had made.



### A matter of trust

Thirteen-year-old Britta was refused permission to visit an older friend after school, as her mother thought the friend unsuitable company for her daughter. Resenting her mother's interference Britta frequently visited her older friend. When her mother asked her where she was going after school she would lie and tell her that she was visiting a friend that her mother approved of. Eventually her mother found out through an acquaintance that Britta had been lying to her about her visits. She confronted her daughter with the truth. Her mother dealt with the matter of the illicit visits. She was not permitted to go out after school for two weeks. This was an appropriate consequence that matched the misbehaviour. She dealt with the matter of lying separately; pointing out that it

was difficult to trust her daughter when she didn't tell the truth.

## Fantatising

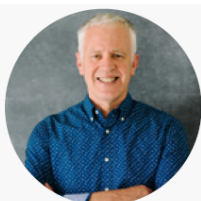
Some children continually exaggerate to make everything appear bigger or better than in real life. In this way they appear more exciting or interesting than they think they are. This is a sign of discouragement. It is best to go along with these children's tales, although you should let them know that you are aware of the truth without bursting their bubble. It is fine to exaggerate, but they should never be too far away from reality. Persistent fantasisers often need plenty of encouragement. Let them know that they are OK as they are. Fantasising and telling tall tales may be fun but they don't need to fantasise to build themselves up. Youngest children in the family often tell whoppers in an effort to make themselves seem important in the eyes of older siblings.

## Imaginary friends

Some children will use imaginary friends to avoid doing things they don't want to do. 'Mr. Bear says I don't have to go bed.' If it only happens once in a while then it's a bit of fun. It can become wearing if it's a continuous avoidance strategy. If that's the case, try the direct approach. 'Mr. Bear could be right. But I'm your mum and I know it's bedtime. Mr. Bear can join you if he likes.'

## Don't overreact

Be careful not to overreact when children tell lies. It is better to recognise the child's goal and act in a way that prevents the behaviour from achieving its purpose. There is little point moralising about the evils of lying. Children know that they should be good; they don't need to be reminded all the time. Children will continue behaviours that serve a purpose, regardless of whether the actions are morally good or bad. It is more useful to ensure that lying doesn't achieve its goal and to encourage children at every conceivable occasion.



### 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. A trailblazer in the parenting and educational scenes Michael regularly appears in the media throughout Australia in programs including The Project, The Today Show and ABC radio.*

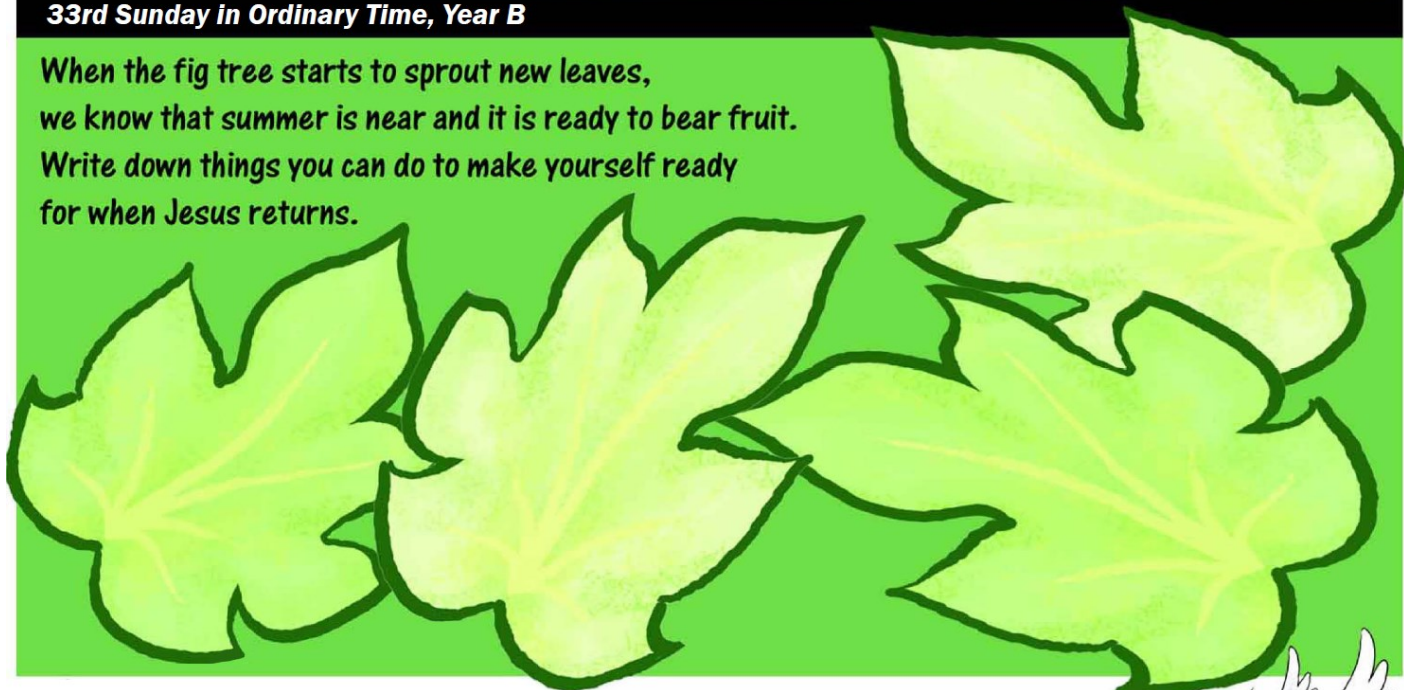


# We are God's chosen ones



**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 this 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.