



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

16 November 2017

www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

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

"I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full" John 10

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Fri 17 Nov

Confirmation for our Grade 6 students 7.00pm

Mon 20 Nov-Fri 1 Dec

Swimming Program

No Assembly during Swimming

Wed 6 Dec

Dream A Little Dream Whole School Performance

Fri 8 Dec

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Thurs 14 Dec

Grade 6 Graduation

Wed 20 Dec

End of term 4 for students at 3.00pm

Thurs 21 Dec

Professional Learning for Staff (Handover 2018) No school for the children

2018

Tues 30 Jan

School starts for students 8.45am

Dear Parent,

On Tuesday we had our first Transition session for the Foundation 2018 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.

The Year Six students that you see in the photograph below went to St. Joseph's Convent in Williamstown, last Friday 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 who joined us in the beautifully restored chapel and celebrated Mass with the Year Six Confirmation candidates and all of the Year Six students participated.

Sister Carmel who helps to organise school visits to the convent was very impressed by the children's good manners and behaviour throughout the day. A big thank you to Ms Halina Lipski (RE Leader), Mr Tim Wickham (6A) and Miss Jessica Steele (6B) for organising this day.



ASSEMBLY NEWS

During our two week Swimming Program we **WILL NOT** have an Assembly on Friday 24 November and Friday 1 December.

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. Amen



At Our Lady of the Immaculate Parish Primary School we promote the safety, well being and inclusion of all children.

After School Care News

Last week I was notified by Robin McKenzie from YMCA Victoria that they have made a decision to no longer provide their services to Our Lady's school. I have been making inquiries to ensure that by the start of the next school year we will have a new provider in place to continue to offer the After School Care Program to those families in our community who need this service.

I would like to pay tribute to the wonderful YMCA staff who have worked in our school and have consistently provided exemplary care and service to our families.

I would particularly like to highlight the dedication and professionalism of Brad Lenahan who has been the OSHC Area Director and who has worked closely with both the school and the parents. Brad and his team have done an excellent job in caring for the students who participated in the After School Care Program.

On behalf of Our Lady's School Community I would like to sincerely thank Brad and his staff and wish them all the very best for their future endeavours.



Confirmation Candidates 2017 Please pray for us



Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani

Principal

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Our Lady's Primary presents

DREAM

a little



Dream

Wednesday 6 December
7.00pm

Quin Auditorium
Churchill Ave Braybrook

Tickets \$15.00 each

Ticket for a seat required for anyone aged over 4 years. Under 4 years old can sit on the lap of a ticket holder.

Tickets now on sale from the following link

<https://www.trybooking.com/SORV>

Please note that you do NOT need to purchase a ticket for your child performing in Dream A Little Dream



St Joseph's corner 

Last week we spoke to Sister Jean who is a Sister of St Joseph who works amongst the most vulnerable families in the west. She has done much work in the western suburbs to support families who are going through difficult times. Our Lady's school has supported Sister Jean in her work through Joseph's Corner.



She has asked for our support during Christmas time and has said that the items that are most needed are toiletries and toys as often families cannot afford these items. I'm sure that if we all donate an item we can together bring some Christmas cheer to many families who would otherwise go without. Please help us to help Sister Jean so that we support these families in our local community to have a happy Christmas.



If you can donate any toys, games or toiletries, please take them to your child's classroom where a box will be waiting. The School Student Leaders and Social Justice Committee will be regularly visiting each room for donations to bundle up and take to Sr. Jean.



We thank you in advance for your support and donations.



YMCA CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS OSHC PROGRAMS 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.childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au

Week 7 November 20

DAY	After School Care Activities	Afternoon Tea
Monday Staff: Brad, Hang	Inside: Finger Painting Outside: Playground and Tiggy	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Garlic Bread
Tuesday Staff: Brad, Lucette, Hang	Inside: Cooking Chocolate Truffles with Lucette Out-side: Playground & Group Games	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Variety of Biscuits
Wednesday Staff: Brad, Hang, Chelsea	Inside: Wooden Animals Outside: Playground and Octopus	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Fairy Bread
Thursday Staff: Brad, Hang, Jennie	Inside: Slime with Foam Pieces Outside: Playground & Obstacle Course Homework + Readers	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Crackers, Dip & Celery
Friday Staff: Brad, Jennie	Children's Choice: Games, Activities Inside & Out.	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Noodles

A variety of seasonal fruit and vegetables are always offered to children for afternoon snack! **A variety of arts, crafts, board games, construction, recreational activities, sensory and imaginary play** opportunities are available every day for children to choose. **Homework & Home Readers Time** – Our YMCA staff are there to encourage home readers and homework and most days we set aside a time to encourage this! **If you or someone else is picking up your child (children) early from school and they are not attending the after school care, please let OSHC Team know.**

Please remember children need to bring their school hat (Broadbrim Hat, Bucket Hat or Legionaries Hat) from 1st September to 1st May and sunscreen will need to be applied when playing outside.

Bookings and Cancellations: It is important to book your child's place so we can plan and expect their arrival at After School Care. To ensure the safety of your child please notify us of any absences or additional days of care **via the My Family Lounge Portal** <http://www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au/enrol/my-family-lounge-sign-in.html> As a reminder please note that the cancellation period of 7 days notice applies for all After School Care bookings. For additional information on our program please visit <http://www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au/school-care/our-locations/our-ladys-ps.html> *There may be certain circumstances where children receive gifts or prizes throughout the year as part of our advertised programs. These occasions would be advertised on our program planners to provide parents/guardians with prior notification. Occasions where children may receive gifts/prizes as advertised are as follows: last day of school terms, end of year celebrations, designated holiday program days, cultural and festive celebration days and during organised program competitions.* **Thank You, Brad and Our Lady's OSHC Team**

MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL

Just a reminder that any child with a mobile phone **MUST** hand it into the Office when they arrive at school.

We understand that many children do have a mobile with them at school, but for the safety of the phone we ask that they be turned off when your child arrives to school and handed into the office. The phone can then be picked up when the bell goes at the end of the day.





Jasmine Garner AFLW
visits Grade 5



BUILDING A WORM FARM

This week Steve helped Mrs Cuni and some of the children she works with in Foundation, Year One and 2 build a Worm Farm. Steve explained to us that the worms like, cool, dark places to hide. They need moist soil and they also need leaves, fruit and vegetables to eat. We would like to thank Steve for helping us build a fantastic Worm Farm!!!





Grade 6 Confirmation Prayer Day



Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS

Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Do less, not more, for your kids



With school-aged children we can find ourselves making lunches, getting kids out of bed and cleaning out schoolbags rather than giving these basic tasks of living over to them.

The basic task of parenting, whether you have a two year old or a twenty-two year old, is to work yourself out of a job at the first possible chance.

REDUNDANCY should be the aim of the game! We never become redundant in a relationship sense – the emotional connection between our children and us is never severed.

In a practical, physical way we need to make children less, rather than more, reliant on us.

Developing independence is really about stepping back to allow children in. Doing less rather than more!

We develop greater independence in our kids one job at a time. Recently I gave my 22 year old son a job that I had been doing for a while. He lives in North America and I had taken on the job of being the connector between him and one of his sisters, who lives in the UK. It had been my job to pass messages on between the two via telephone and emails. I would update each of them about how the other sibling was going.

Frustrated being the go-between I made sure he had contact details and let him know that it was his job, not my job, to connect with his sister.

WE EASILY TAKE ON CHILDREN'S RESPONSIBILITIES

It is easy as parents to take on the jobs and responsibilities that really should belong to our children. With toddlers it is so easy to dress, feed and clean up after them rather than give these jobs over to them.

With school-aged children we can find ourselves making lunches, getting kids out of bed and cleaning out schoolbags rather than giving these basic tasks of living over to them. And as I discovered, it is easy to still do the basics of life for adult-aged children.

TIP NO. 1 for developing independence:

Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child's teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child's class.

TIP NO. 2 for developing independence:

Never be more worried about a child's job than they are, otherwise it becomes your job, not theirs.

This mum remained very clear that it was her job to wash the clothes but not to place them in the washing basket. She would remind kids about washing night, but never nag them to put clothes in the basket. She knows that as soon as she keeps reminding them, it becomes HER job rather than her children's job to put the washing in the clothes basket.

The school holidays provides a good opportunity to reflect on the whole notion of job-sharing. It's also a good time for kids to increase their job load when they are not burdened with schoolwork and extracurricular activities.

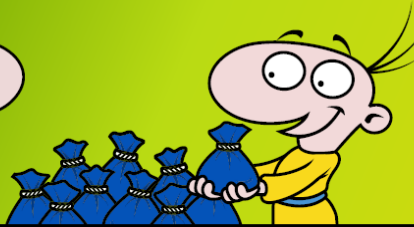
Here's my challenge for you: Think of a job that you regularly do for your child that he or she can do for him or herself. Then step back and enable your child to do that for themselves on a full-time basis. Do less not more for your kids.

If you do that, then you can congratulate yourself as you have moved one step more toward REDUNDANCY.



Stay one step ahead of your kids with great ideas & expert advice from Michael Grose. Join Michael's **NEW Parentingideas Club** today at parentingideasclub.com.au. You'll be so glad you did.





Come and share in my happiness

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



Jesus tells us that God rewards those who use their gifts wisely. Inside each bag write down a gift God has given you.



COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"Come and share in my happiness!"

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FINISH

Gospel

Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."