

OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

25 August 2016 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

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thurs 1 Sept Father's Day Stall Fri 2 Sept Father's Day Assembly Fri 9 Sept Parish Movie **Tues 13 Sept** Second Hand Uniform Sale 3.00pm near the Canteen Wed 14 Sept Parent and Student Health sessions (grades 5-6 only) 7.00 -8.15pm in Auditorium Fri 16 Sept End of Term 3 at 3.15pm Mon 3 Oct Professional Learning Day for Staff - No school for the children Fri Oct 14 Parish Movie Sat 22 Oct **Shopping Tour** Mon 31 Oct Professional Learning Day for Staff (Report Writing) - No School for the children **Tues 1 Nov** Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday Fri 4 Nov Parish Movie Fri 2 Dec Parish Movie **Sacraments** Wed 31 Aug Parent Confirmation Meeting 7-8pm Thurs 8 Sept 7.00pm First Reconciliation Fri 11 Nov 7.00pm Confirmation

END OF YEAR Wed 14 Dec End of Year Mass 9.00am End of Term 4 for children at 3.00pm



Dear Parents, There have been so ma

There have been so many wonderful learning opportunities this week. The annual 'Book Week Parade' was a wonderful wholeschool celebration of all our favourite book characters. Thank you to all the parents and friends who came to join us. I thank you all for organising the beautiful and creative costumes. A special thank you to all the students and staff and a special thank you to Ms Geraldine Maguire for co-ordinating this event.







School Improvement

Insight SRC Surveys – One important way for you to have a voice in all facets of school life



We have 100 Insight SRC surveys that we will hand out to parents to fill in. It is very important that if you receive a survey you complete it. The survey gives parents an opportunity to provide the school with feedback about many aspects of school life. We also survey staff and students (Years 3-6 only). The aim of the Insight SRC surveys is to support ongoing School Improvement. The student, parent and staff data is collated and is used to identify areas of strength and areas for development at our school. Once the data is collated Principals will be sent their school's data and this will support the school in the development of School Improvement Plans and Annual Action Plans for the following year. We take the feedback seriously and use it to inform all school plans for 2017. We use the data from the surveys to inform how we use our resources more effectively to enhance student learning and engagement.

Trust Psalm

God is our refuge. We trust God always.

[~] My soul, be at rest in God alone, from whom comes my hope. God alone is my rock and my salvation, my secure height; I shall not fall. My safety and glory are with God, my strong rock and refuge. Trust God at all times, my people! Pour out your hearts to God our refuge! *Psalm 62:6-9*

EXCITING NEWS FOR THE CUNI FAMILY

On the 15th March this year, Pope Francis announced with great joy, that Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, or Mother Teresa as we know her, would be canonized on the 4th September 2016. The Catholic Church celebrates the announcement of many Saints, as we do Mother Teresa. Saints bring signs of hope, love, joy, forgiveness and unity in a world that often feels despaired. Mother Teresa has a special place in the hearts of many, especially the Cuni family here in Sunshine. She is directly related to Anthony Cuni (3E) and Michael Cuni (1L). Their great grandmother was

first cousins with Mother Teresa and she grew up with her in Albania. Mother Teresa visited Australia many times and

every time she came, she visited the Cuni family in Yarraville. To celebrate this special occasion, the Cuni's will be travelling to the Vatican to be part of this once in a lifetime occasion. We ask you to keep us in your prayers as we will you. In order to make this an even more memorable event, we would like to take a part of you with us. Therefore, if you have any special prayers that you would like answered from up above, please see Mrs Cuni before the 31st August. We are very excited and look forward to sharing this experience with you when we return.

Tania Cuni (Parent and Teacher)

We wish the Cuni Family a safe trip to Italy and look forward to hearing about the canonisation of Mother Teresa

Our Lady's School Committed to Strengthening Family-School-Partnerships

As parents it is important that you connect to your child's learning and engage with the school community. Our Lady's school has many ways for you to do this. Please help us to support your child's learning more effectively and to develop a life-long love of learning by:

- Attending the 'Three-Way-Learning Conversations'
- Visiting the class sites each week and speaking to your child about the learning they are involved in
- Read the Newsletter and be informed about school life
- Attend Information evenings that the school organises throughout the year with a focus on learning such as the Google evening with Mrs Carmel Menzies (ICT Leader) or the Mathematics evening with Michael Ymer
- Come to Community Classrooms and dialogue with your child about their learning
- Participate in events such as: The 'Book Week Parade", The Granary Art Exhibition, The annual 'Art Show', Dinner in the Yard
- Participating in the Parent Advisory Board, Parents and Friends Committee, Classroom Helpers program or being a helper in the Canteen.

Our Lady's Code of Conduct

I have been writing to you about the new Child Safety Standards which all schools and institutions that work with children have been required to implement as part of the new legislation. Yesterday, you would of received a Code of Conduct which everyone associated with the school is expected to sign. All schools are expected to have a Code of Conduct it has been mandated by law.

If you need to discuss this any further please do not hesitate to contact me either by email or in person.

Art Exhibition at The Granary Café

Congratulations to all the Our Lady's students who have their fantastic art work displayed in the Granary Café as part of the Gallery Sunshine. Please pay a visit to the Granary Café and have a look at all our children's work. Special thanks to Miss Pina and Mrs Carabott for all their work in organising this event.

Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani Principal principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au











Book Week Parade

What a wonderful celebration of books!!! Thank you to all members of our community who dressed up, sourced costumes and attended on the day. The staff and students loved it. Thank you to the parents and carers who helped make this day a success. The hall was crowded and buzzing with excitement. We did have a few spare costumes for students who needed something but we are a bit short on costumes for boys. If you have any you aren't going to use again or would like to donate, it would be appreciated. *Ms Maguire* Literacy Leader























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	ΑCTIVITY	AFTERNOON TEA
Monday Staff: Michelle & Myrna	Inside: Winter Colouring in Sheets Outside: Fruit Salad	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Custard and rice cakes
Tuesday Staff: Michelle, Lucette & Myrna	Inside: Cooking Honey Joy's for tomorrow's afternoon tea Outside: Free play Homework & Readers.	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Sandwiches
Wednesday Staff: Phoebe, Myrna & Chelsea	Inside: Story Making Outside: Ship Shark Shore	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Honey Joy's
Thursday Staff: Michelle, Chelsea & Vicky	Inside: Bookmarks Outside: Free play Homework + Readers	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Lamingtons
Friday Staff: Michelle, Marlene & Phoebe	Children's Choice: Games, Activities Inside & Out. Cooking with Marlene	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Variety of biscuits

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.

Bookings and Cancellations:

It is important to book your child's place so we can plan and expect their arrival at Before and 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** <u>http://www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au/enrol/my-family-lounge-sign-in.html</u>

As a reminder please note that the cancellation period of 7 days notice applies for all Before and After School Care bookings. For additional information on our program please visit <u>http://www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au/school-care/our- locations/our-ladys- ps.html</u> Thank You, Michelle and Our Lady's OSHC Team

BOOK WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Congratulations to our Book Week Raffle winners!



We hope you enjoy reading your Short Listed book!

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Buy a ticket to support our school and be in the running to win a prize for Dad. Tickets on sale for \$1 on Qkr! until Wednesday 31st August.

The raffle will be drawn at the Father's Day assembly on Friday 2nd September.

1st prize: Overnight bag, toiletries and scarf

2nd prize: Toilet bag and toiletries

3rd prize: Scarf and desk organizer

FATHER'S DAY STALL – THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

Our Lady's School Parents & Friends Committee will be holding their annual Father's Day stall on Thursday 1st September. Children will be able to purchase special gifts for their wonderful dads, grandpas and carers priced from \$1 to \$6.

Please send along money on the day (no more than \$10) and pack a plastic bag for your child to carry their shopping in.

We need helpers to:

- set up on the night before on Wednesday August 31 (7.30pm) and
- to sell the gifts to children on the day from 9am. Remember to wear your current Working With Children Check and sign in at the office.

We are also looking for donations of new goods for the stall. Please email parents@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au if you can assist.

OUR LADY'S SHOW DAY – FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Show Day will be held on the last day of Term 3. To add to the fun of the day, the P&F Committee has arranged for pizza and showbags for the children, which can be pre-purchased on Qkr! until **Wednesday 31**st **August**.

Pizza is \$2 per slice, and will be given out at lunchtime.

Showbags are \$5 each, and will be handed out at the end of the day on Friday 16 September.

Pizza options:

Hawaiian Margherita Ham, cheese & tomato

Showbag options:

Warheads Pops n Fizz Best Friends Forever Totally Boys Tricks & Jokes

See the Parents & Friends menu on the Qkr! app for more details.

P&F Committee











Explore and Restore

Saturday 3 September 10am-12noon

Matthews Hill Grassland (Tom O'Brien Park) 41 Matthews St, Sunshine Contact: Conservation Community Liaison Officer T: 0408 319 742



- Get a closer look at local animals with "Animals of Oz"
- Create some grassland craft
- Help to restore the native grasslands by planting wildflowers and "direct seeding"

A BBQ will be provided free of charge for all participants.

- For the comfort of all participants and animals, please do not bring your pets.
- This is an outdoor event, please remember to dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes to enter the grassland.
- Children under 16 years of age must be supervised.

For more information visit **www.brimbank.vic.gov.au** E: **environment@brimbank.vic.gov.au** T: **9249 4717**



FREE Come & Try Day -

Brimbank Little Athletics

10th September 2016 & 2nd October 2016

10am - 12pm Sassella Park, Station Rd, Deer Park For more information call: Connie - 0404 539 655 <u>www.brimbanklac.com.au</u>

FAMILY FUN & FITNESS



Gospel Lk 14:1.7-24

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

If you were invited to a party where would you sit? Circle the chair you would sit in and write down why you would sit there.





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- When you are invited to be a ______, go and sit in the ______ place.
 - If you put yourself _____ others, you will be put down.

When you are _____ to a wedding feast, don't sit in the _____ place.

If you ______ yourself, you will be honoured.

When you give a ______, invite the ______, crippled, the lame and the ______. They ______ pay you back.

> CANNOT GUEST HUMBLE INVITED BEST BLIND FEAST ABOVE POOR WORST

