



## OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

25 August 2023

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Parish Priest: Fr. Peter-Damien McKinley

Principal: Ms. Patrizia Bertani

Parish Mass Times:

English: Saturday 9.00am, 5.30pm, Sunday 9.00am, 10.30am & 5.30pm

Vietnamese: Saturday 7.00pm, Sunday 12.30pm, Friday 7.30pm

Chin Hakha/Burmese: 2.30pm

Tongan: Every 1st Sunday 3.00pm

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*

*'Ask and it will be given to you; search and you will find; knock and the door will be open for you.' Matthew 7:7*

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Mon 28 Aug** Yr 4 NGV Excur-

sion, Yr 6 Confirmation Party

**Wed 30 Aug** 7.00pm Student

Wellbeing Parent Session

**Thurs 31 Aug** Father's Day

Stall

**Fri 1 Sept** 8.30-9.00am Fa-

ther's Day Breakfast

**Sun 3 Sept** Father's Day

**Wed 6-Fri 8 Sept** Year 5

Camp

**Fri 8 Sept** Aussie of the

Month Assembly

**Fri 15 Sept** Show Day at Our

Lady's!

End of Term 3 at 1.00pm

**Mon 2 Oct** Start of Term 4 at

8.35am

Yr 6 Confirmation Reflection

Day St Joseph's By The Sea

**Wed 4 Oct** Yr 6 Graduation

Photo

**Tues 17 Oct** Community

Classrooms 3.00-4.00pm

**Wed 25 Oct** Dance Perfor-

mance 'Let Your Light Shine'

6.30pm at Quin Auditorium

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**Mon 6 Nov** Professional

Learning Day (Report

Writing). No school for the

students

**Tues 7 Nov** Melbourne Cup

Day Public Holiday

**Mon 13-Fri 24 Nov** 10 Day

Swimming Program

Dear Parents,

What a week we have had at Our Lady's! We were so fortunate to have wonderful weather on Monday morning enabling us to have our amazing Book Week Parade. It is an annual event on our school calendar and it was simple wonderful to see all the effort our students went to. Thank you to you, our parents and carers for supporting your child to participate in this opportunity. The students have also been privileged to have an author's session to further promote Book Week.

On Wednesday, our Year 1 and Year 4 students engaged in an excursion walking to our local library. A huge thank you to Mrs Tania Cuni, our wonderful literacy leader.

Book Week is such a vibrant week to celebrate where our love and passion for reading is promoted in many ways throughout our community. We have included many snapshots for you to enjoy! What different book characters can you spot?

On Thursday evening, the Year 6 Confirmation candidates, their families and sponsors gathered in Our Lady's Church. We thank Bishop Ashe, our Parish Priest Father Peter and Father Peter Zin for such a lovely, reverent ceremony. Congratulations to all our Year 6 candidates for achieving such an important milestone in their spiritual journey. A huge thankyou to Mr Tim Wickham, Ms Christine Chu, Mrs Justine Sales and Ms Kriss Oliver for all their work and preparation with the candidates.



### Bullies

Jesus, there are times when I feel afraid when bullies tease and torment me and I don't know what to say and do. When you were on earth soldiers, high priests and many other people bullied you, mocking you and making fun of you. The Gospel tells me that you did not answer your bullies. When I am being bullied, help me to know when to speak, and when to say nothing, and help me to share my worry, with my Mum and my Dad, or with my teacher. Most of all, please help me never to be a bully myself for any reason. Make me kind and gentle like you. Thank you, Jesus.



### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS - PUPIL FREE DAYS

**Mon 6 Nov: Report Writing**

## Student Wellbeing Parent Information Night

As we have advertised, we (Mrs Christine Carabott & Ms Caroline Wood) will be facilitating a parent information session next Wednesday evening. Thank-you to all those parents who have already sent in their RSVP. If you plan on coming, please send in the RSVP by Tuesday 30th August.

## Building Update

At this stage there are no further updates other than the tender process has been closed. As Ms Bertani has explained in previous newsletters, there is a process that has to be followed in order to appoint the new builder. This is in the hands of the MACS departments, which includes Capital Works and Finance and of course right through to Archbishop Peter Comensoli. Once this phase has been completed we hope that by the end of September the builder will be onsite and starting our building project.

**BUILDING PROJECT  
UPDATES**

## Our Lady's School Dance Extravaganza

### Let Your Light Shine - Whole School Performance on 25<sup>th</sup> October

The past couple of weeks we have been communicating with you regarding organising your child's white costume for our dance extravaganza. If you haven't already done so, please spend some time with your child creating a costume for their dance. **We would appreciate parents sending in your child's costume in the next couple of weeks.** The items you choose need to be white. You do not need to go out and buy anything if you have white clothing already at home.

Here are some ideas and examples:

T-shirts, shorts, skirts, leggings, trousers, lab coats, white fabric to use as belts head bands etc- Place the items you and your child have chosen into a bag. Write your child's name on the bag and give it to your child's teacher.

## Father's Day Breakfast

### Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 8:30-9:30 (in the staffroom)

A special reminder that the Year 6 Events committee have organised a special Father's Day breakfast. We encourage all fathers and grandfathers to come and get spoilt. The Events Committee have organised some very tasty treats for you to enjoy with a cup of tea or coffee, as well a special surprise. We will need you to fill in the form that was sent out so that we have accurate numbers for catering purposes. If your child misplaced the note and you would like to attend, please let the office know.



## Father's Day Stall

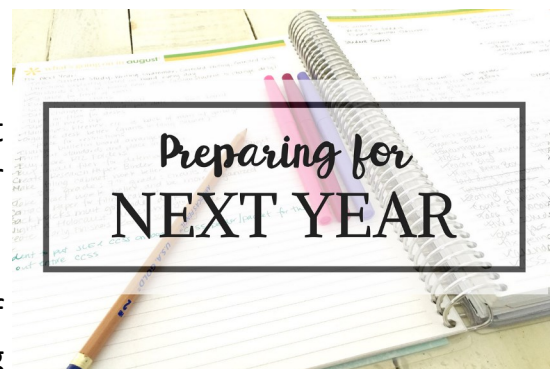
Our wonderful Parents and Friends are busy preparing for our annual Father's Day Stall next Thursday 31 August. Remember to bring some money so you can purchase a gift for all the fantastic Dads, Grandads, Stepdads, Uncles and those we love like Fathers in our lives. Don't forget a bag to hide your purchases!

If you have a Working With Children Check and have some time to help with the Stall next Thursday between 8.45am-11.00am, the P&F would love to see you!



## Preparation for 2024 Classes

At this time of the year the school is making arrangements for staffing and classes for 2024. Next week we will begin the process of class compositions for 2024.



This process usually takes a lot of time and a great deal of thinking time and energy goes into the decision-making process.

We give the children a voice by asking them to list 6 children they would like to be in their class and we guarantee that each child will have one friend that they have listed. The children will be completing this in week 1 of next term.

Please take the time to talk to your child about who they will list as their friends and encourage them to think about listing children who will support them in their learning and help them to be a better learner in the classroom rather than someone they would like to play with. The staff work very hard to make sure that we provide a supportive and engaging learning environment for each child and this process plays a large part in this.

The class structure for 2024 will not change; we will still maintain two classes for each year level. None of the classes will be composite; they will all be straight classes from Foundation to Year 6.

**If you have any educational concerns about your child's placement for 2024 you will need to communicate these to the Principal in writing via email on [principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au) by Friday 15 September 2023. It is essential that all emails have been received by that date.**

As we are planning for 2024, 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 2024 and we need to let these parents know if there are places for their children.

**If your child is not returning in 2024 (apart from our current year 6 children) please fill out the form that will be coming home next week and return it to the Office. Thank you for your cooperation.**

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

*Christine Carabott*

**Mrs Christine Carabott**

**Deputy Principal**

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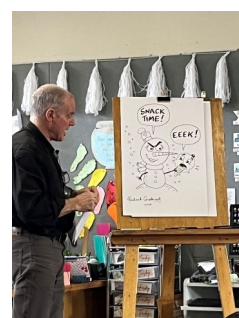


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4G: Jake C  
5C: Ayce F  
5D: Cohen W, Angeli C, Gabrielle W  
Staff: Ms Shai





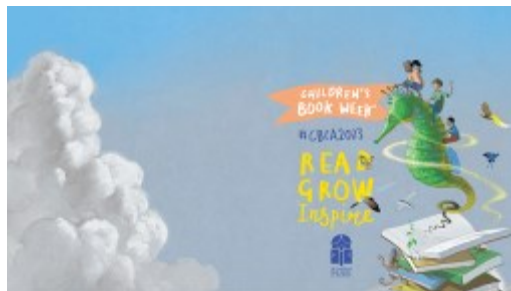
**Oliver Phommavanh &  
Richard  
Galbraith  
visited for Book Week!**

























# Father's Day Stall



**Next Thursday 31st August**

**Items for sale from  
\$2.00 to \$10.00 including**

***Keyrings***

***Mugs & Travel Mugs***

***BBQ Tools***

***Garden Tools  
and lots more!***



**Don't forget to bring a bag  
so you can hide your gift  
from Dad!**



**The P&F are looking for any helpers between 8.35am-  
11.00am on the day to help run the stall.**

**If you have a Working With Children Check and some  
time, the P&F would love to see you on the day in the  
Mariana Hall!!**





# Community classroom

When: Tuesday 17th October

Time: 3.00pm-4.00pm

Where: In every classroom!







# PARENT INFORMATION SESSION



We will be facilitating a Parent Information session focusing on Student Wellbeing and Social and Emotional learning (SEL) at Our Lady's. The session will be facilitated by OLPS staff, Christine Carabott and Caroline Wood.

The one hour parent information session will focus on:

- ★ Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) @ OLPS
- ★ Exploring self regulation and co-regulation
- ★ Exploring what the Zones of Regulation are
- ★ How can you help your child with the ZONES at home?

## DETAILS:

When: Wednesday 30th August 2023

Time: 7:00 - 8:00pm

Where: OLPS Auditorium

**Please complete the RSVP slip below to indicate your attendance. RSVP to be returned by Friday 25th August please. Please note that this event is for parents/ carers only.**

Yours sincerely,

*C. Carabott*

Deputy Principal/Student Wellbeing Leader

*C. Wood*

Mental Health Leader



## Student Wellbeing Information Session RSVP Form

Child name/s: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

### Student Wellbeing Parent Session - Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00 p.m.

\* Yes, we will be attending the **Student Wellbeing** Information Session

Number of adults attending: .....

Parent name/s: .....

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# HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Monday 18th of Sept - Thursday 28th of Sept 2023



Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Program including a Party Day, LOTS of craft and cooking activities, awesome games, exciting excursions & **MUCH MORE!**

Some activities may need to be swapped for other exciting ones! Go online to check out a full, up-to-date timetable for your school.



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[www.kellyclub.com.au](http://www.kellyclub.com.au)

## SEPTEMBER 2023 HOLIDAY PROGRAM

GLENGALA PRIMARY SCHOOL

A timetable and full program information is available online or at the program venue.

**Who can attend:** Children aged 5-13 yrs

**General Information:** We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

**What do you need to bring:** Shoes and appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

**Payment details:** Payment is required 7 days from receiving an invoice. An invoice will be issued once attendance has been completed and will be adjusted based on CCS subsidies.

**CCS (Child Care Subsidies):** Kelly Club is CCS approved with Services Australia, which means you can enjoy a subsidy of up to 90% of your fees, depending on your circumstances. This is then paid directly to Kelly Club on your behalf. For more information visit [www.my.gov.au](http://www.my.gov.au)

**Cancellations:** Kelly Club requires 24 hours written notice for a booking cancellation. Fees will be charged if notice is not received. Kelly Club will require 5 days written notice for booking on excursion/incursion days and 3 days written notice for a booking cancellation for excursion/incursion days. Event Day Fees: Excursion fees – up to \$40 per child. Incursion fees – up to \$30 per child.

**Please note:** Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Club accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst on the program. If your child/ren are collected late after the conclusion of the program you will be charged \$1 per minute.

**Prices & Session Times:**

**Full Day:** 6:30am-6pm  
**Event Day:** \$20-40 (Extra)

Event day additional fee is NOT covered by CCS

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Tues 19 September



**WATER/NERF WARS!**

Thurs 21 September



**\*EVENT / EXCURSION\***

Wed 27 September



**\*EVENT / EXCURSION\***

Thurs 28 September



**\*EVENT/ PARTY DAY\***

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## INSIGHTS

### Going beyond the fishbowl



It's a quirk of nature that the extent of our growth is determined by our immediate environment. For instance, a fearsome shark will only grow five centimetres long if it spends all its life in a fish bowl. Put that shark in the sea and will grow to five metres or more. A shark's genes may provide the blueprint, but its growth will be restricted by the size of its immediate environment.

The same principle applies to children. Restrict them to a safe, insular environment and their capacity for reaching their full potential will be limited. Getting kids to go beyond the fishbowl and be part of the wider world is how we prepare them for the career-fluid future that awaits them.

Recently, I wrote a foreword for a soon to be released parenting book written by South African authors Nikki Bush and Graeme Codrington titled "*Future proof your child for the 2020s and beyond*". The authors described the future that our children are entering as full of exponential and disruptive change led by technology and shifting social mores. They reasoned that in the world of work and enterprise that awaits today's generation of children and young people, creativity, problem-solving, design, big picture thinking and risk-taking will be richly rewarded. According to Bush and Codrington, the future will belong to the kids who are going beyond the fishbowl, willing to expand their physical and mental horizons.

American parenting icon Lenore Skenazy, founder of the free-range parenting movement is a long-time advocate for parents giving kids the freedom they need to explore their neighbourhoods and take safe risks.

Dubbed "America's Worst Mom" for allowing her nine-year old son to ride the New York subway on his own in 2008, Skenazy has been an outspoken advocate for allowing kids more freedom and unsupervised time. She maintains that kids are "safer and smarter than our culture believes." Like Bush and Codrington, Skenazy encourages parents to allow kids to jump out the fishbowl of school, family and their immediate neighbourhood and encourage them to explore their capabilities in the wider world. She acknowledges that allowing kids the same type of freedoms that previous generations enjoyed takes significant parental courage.

If kids are to be truly resilient and make the most of the exciting but uncertain future that awaits them, it's more important than ever to loosen the reins so that both generations – children and parents- experience more freedom.



#### 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.





# Who do you say I am?



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

## Gospel

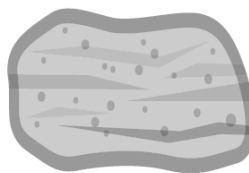
### Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

## Who do you say Jesus is?

Write some words which describe Jesus.

Match up each of these symbols of St Peter with its correct story



Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus told Peter that he would be the foundation upon which the church would be built.

When Jesus first met Peter and his brother Andrew he said to them, "Follow me!" Immediately they stopped what they were doing and followed Jesus.

Jesus told his disciples that they would desert him. Peter told Jesus he would never desert him, but Jesus predicted that Peter would deny him three times.

Jesus said to Peter, "You are Peter; to you I will give the keys to the kingdom of heaven."