



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

30 August 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
Our Lady's is a Child Safe School

And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' forgive him. Luke 17:4

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Fri 31 Aug

9.00 P&F Meeting
Gr 6 NGV Excursion, Gr 4 In-cursion
2.30pm Father's Day Assembly

Sun 2 Sept

Father's Day

Mon 3 Sept

7.00pm Kath Murdoch Parent Session

Thurs 6 Sept

7.00pm Reconciliation for Grade 3

Tues 11 Sept

6.30pm Fete Committee Meeting Hall Kitchen

Wed 12-Fri 14 Sept

Year 5 Camp

Fri 14 Sept

Parish Movie

Wed 19 Sept

Grade 3/4 Camp Night

Fri 21 Sept

Our Lady's Show Day
End of term 3 at 3.15pm

Mon 8 Oct

Start of Term 4 8.45am

Fri 12 Oct

Parish Movie

Thur 18 Oct

Confirmation Parent Night with Dr Rev Elio Capra 7.00pm

Mon 5 Nov

Report Writing Day - No School for the children

Tues 6 Nov

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Sat 24 Nov

Shopping Tour

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation (Year 3)

Thurs 6 Sept 7.00pm

Confirmation

(Year 6)

Fri 16 November

7.00pm



Dear Parent,

A huge thank you to our wonderful Parents and Friends committee and volunteers who gave up their time to organise the Father's Day Stall! We appreciate the time and care you took in choosing the gifts for the children to purchase as well as wrapping them up for the children.

The children had a wonderful time choosing a special gift for their fathers, uncles, grandfathers, step-fathers and all the men in their lives who care for them.

Happy Father's Day to all the Fathers of Our Lady's School community. Thank you for all the love and care you show the children and your contribution to the life of Our Lady's school. Wishing you a wonderful day on Sunday. May God Bless you all.

Staff News

Mrs Justine Sales our Digital and Design Technology Leader will be taking maternity leave as of this weekend as she awaits the birth of her new baby daughter. We wish Mrs Sales and her family all the very best and look forward to meeting her new bundle of joy in the future. Thank you to Mrs Sales for leading the area of Digital and Design Technology at Our Lady's school. We wish you every best wish! While Mrs Sales is on maternity leave Mr John Buttigieg will be taking on the role of Digital and Design Technology Leader at Our Lady's School. This position is for four days a week. Mr Buttigieg is currently teaching 2N. Miss Lianne O'Connell will be teaching Year 2N on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Mr Buttigieg will continue to teach 2N every Thursday.



PRAYER FOR FATHERS



We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives. Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail. We ask for Your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed. This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways--both big and small--they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach. So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches and the women of our families. For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You. Amen.

*An exciting opportunity for you to learn more
about LEARNING at Our Lady's*

We are very happy to be able to invite you to another opportunity to hear one of the most renowned educators Kath Murdoch speak about Inquiry Learning.

Kath is a very experienced teacher, author, university lecturer and an educational consultant who has worked extensively throughout Australia, Europe, Asia, America and New Zealand.



The focus of the evening will be on familiarising you with the Inquiry Approach to learning, an approach which Kath has deep expertise and experience in delivering. At Our Lady's school we have been working with Kath for the last 3 years implementing the Inquiry Approach in all classes as a preferred way of learning.

We believe it is important that the parent community is given opportunities to deepen their own understanding of the type of learning that their child/children experience as students of Our Lady's School.

At the moment we have only had 9 parents return the form. This is disappointing as we were hoping to fill the auditorium. It is not too late. If you are able to come please meet us on the night.

If you would like to know more about the type of learning that your child experiences at Our Lady's School this is an opportunity that you cannot miss. Kath will be very happy and able to answer any questions you may have about the type of contemporary learning your child is involved in at this school.

We urge you not to miss this important event.

***Monday 3 September at 7.00pm –8:15pm in the
Father John Maher Auditorium***



**Please do not hesitate to contact the school if
you have any questions on 9312 2230.**

Father's Day Stall

Many thanks to the Parents and Friends Committee and all their helpers who ran another very successful Father's Day Stall.

It looks like all our Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles and men we love like Dads are going to be very spoilt on Sunday!

We wish them all a very *Happy Father's Day!*



Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

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Principal

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Add each child's details

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Order meals

Select a menu from our canteen

Tap the green tick to view your receipt or to cancel an order

Select a date for a child and order a meal

Tap 'Repeat order' to copy all paid orders from one week to the next

Tap to change the child you are ordering for

Tap to change the date you are ordering for

Tap 'Checkout' then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet

At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.

Our Lady's School Sunshine Show Day 21 September 2018



As part of our **Show Day** celebrations, all children will be able to:
purchase a show bag and/or a slice of pizza.

- All show bags are \$5 and the pizza is \$2.
- The pizza will be given out at lunch time.
- Show bags can be purchased for siblings not at school.
- All orders should be placed via QKR.



All orders to be completed and
paid for by **Wednesday 5 September**



Father to Father

by Michael Grose



As a father and father-in-law to three young dads, it's great to see each of them embracing the life-changing nature of fatherhood and becoming fully involved in their children's lives.

I see myself in these young fathers, and in doing so I'd like to guide them away from making the same fathering mistakes I did. However, knowing that young dads are loathe to take fathering advice from a member of the previous generation, I'll give the following advice to my younger self instead:

1. Play to your strengths

Men generally parent differently to women, based on their biology. Fathers often parent in a more active or action-oriented way than mothers so games, play and physical activity become important parts of a man's parenting repertoire. Your partner may not always appreciate your more active approach, particularly if you play with kids just before bedtime then leave it to her to calm them down.

Practical advice: Be yourself, but be smart about it!

2. Lighten up – don't take yourself too seriously

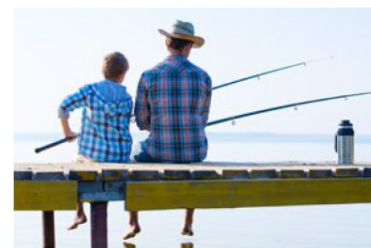
It's easy to get caught up in your own importance, taking yourself and your work too seriously. For many men a bad day at work translates into poor or, at best, distracted experiences when they're with their families. Consider putting a strategy in place, such as exercise, that will help you leave work and the moods it engenders behind.

Practical advice: Be present in mind as well as in body when you're with your kids.

3. Have something in common with each child

It would be wonderful to say that you can always connect with your kids, but family life is not that straightforward. There'll always be a child who we struggle to connect with or a developmental stage during which a child seems alien to us. In these cases and times it helps if you share a common interest (such as a love of sport or music) with a child so that you always have something that will bring you together, even though you may not always see eye to eye.

Practical advice: Be prepared to take an interest in your child's interests.



4. Take it easy on your son

Many dads are tough on their boys and have expectations way above their son's interest and ability levels. It helps

to remember that it takes a little longer for a boy to mature. Resist the temptation to turn every game and every joint activity into a lesson and avoid giving advice when all your son wants is some understanding.

Practical advice: See the boy as he is now, not the future man, when you spend time with him.

5. Enjoy the outdoors with your daughter

The biological nature of fathering causes most men to be very protective of their daughters. But that doesn't mean you should put your daughter on a pedestal and treat her like a little princess. Expect a lot from her. Play with her, and get her outside into nature as it will do wonders for her confidence levels.

Practical advice: Enjoy spending time with your daughters on a daily basis.

6. Be ready for kids to knock you off your pedestal

Most children in the pre-school and middle- to late-primary school years look up to their dads. "My dad is better/bigger than your dad" is a type of mantra that's familiar to many parents. Make the most of it as this Superman Syndrome doesn't last. Young children soon become adolescents and will go to great lengths to prove that you're Clarke Kent after all. Expect that they will stop laughing at your jokes, raise an eyebrow at your well-intentioned advice and even stop being friendly to you in public. Ouch! It can be hurtful to a man who just wants to be the best dad he can be.

Practical advice: See number 2 above: don't take yourself too seriously.

7. Give your kids a compass and a map

One day your children will become independent of you. Don't worry! You won't be irrelevant, just redundant in a practical and managerial sense. There are two things you can do to help your kids safely navigate the world when you're not around. First, help them develop a set of positive values including integrity, honesty and respect that will act as their moral compass when they have difficult decisions to make. Second, reveal your personal story over time as this narrative will become a personal map that will reassure them when life gets tough. It's good to know that they are not in uncharted territory when they finally strike out on their own.

Practical advice: Tell kids your story – don't make them guess it or learn it from someone else.

Father's Day is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the contribution that men make to the lives of their children. It's a very personal reflection as each man's experience of fathering is as unique as the children they are raising. I invite you to reflect on your own fathering as well as the contribution that fathers – whether your own dad or someone else's – have made to your own life.



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.

Keep a clean heart so that you may worship God

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



In each heart draw a picture of someone you know who has a good and clean heart.



Gospel Mk 7:1-5. 14-16. 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service,
while their hearts are far from me.
The worship they offer me is worthless,
the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.
You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The way to Jesus is by trying to be a good person and keep a clean heart. Help the children find their way past the obstacles to Jesus.

