



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

9 June 2023

www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

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

Burmese: Every 2nd Sunday 2.30pm

Chin: Every 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday 2.30pm

Tongan: Every 1st Sunday 3.00pm

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Our Lady's is a Child Safe School

'God saw everything he had made, and indeed it was good.' Genesis 1: 31

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed 7-Thur 15 June Life Ed Van at school

Mon 12 June King's Birthday Public Holiday

Tues 13 June Community Classrooms 2.50-3.50pm

Fri 16 June Feast of Sacred Heart. *Casual dress for donation to St Vincent de Paul.*

9.00am Whole School Mass
Reports published via nForma portal

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Three Way Learning Conversations

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Fri 28 July Professional Learning for Staff (RE). No school for the children

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SACRAMENTS

Thur 24 Aug: 7.00pm Confirmation for Year 6

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS - PUPIL FREE DAYS

Thur 22 Jun: Three Way Learning Conversations

Fri 28 Jul: RE with Maria Forde

Mon 6 Nov: Report Writing

Dear Parents,

I would like to update you about the extensive sewerage works that are going on at the school building site and on the road at Station Place. The holes that have had to be dug are 5 metres in depth. The workers have encountered over 3 metres of solid rock (basalt) which they have had to dig and drill through. This has caused a more consistent level of noise during the last 2 days of school. I asked teachers to prepare the students so that they knew why the noise was occurring, especially those closest to the drilling site (Foundation classes) and to move the students to another location so that they are not exposed to the noise for a long period of time.

We have been doing our best to minimise the impact of these works on our students, parents and staff. I want to thank you all for your patience and understanding. I am happy to say that the worst of the digging and drilling is over and for the next two weeks most of the work will occur on Station Place rather than on the school grounds. The project manager has done his best to collaborate with the school. This part of the building works will be completed by the end of the first week of the holidays and we can then return to normal pick up times rather than the staggered times.

The students have enjoyed seeing these amazing machines in action.



REMINDER

Monday is the King's Birthday Public Holiday.
No school for the children on Monday.
Enjoy this long weekend all.



Follow Jesus Prayer

Jesus calls each of us to follow him. We must walk with Jesus.

Jesus, Lord and Redeemer,

You called the apostles and you call us to follow you.

We are to put you first in our lives and our hearts.

Send us your Spirit that we may walk in faith, live in hope, and share your love with others. Amen



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Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani

Principal

principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

UPCOMING TERM 2 PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS FOR STAFF - PUPIL FREE DAYS

Thur 22 Jun: Three Way Learning Conversations
(only need to come for your appointment time)





FI

Jacob - For being a Communicator and articulating all the things you are curious about and want to know. Keep it up! From Ms. Cam Tu & Mrs Granata

Mia - For showing huge improvement in reading. Keep up the great work! From Ms. Cam Tu & Mrs Granata

FJ

Alex - For making a huge effort to record the sounds he hears when he is writing. Well done! From Miss Wendy

Dann - For working well with others in Discovery Learning. You are a super Collaborator Dann! From Miss Wendy

1K

Dylan - for displaying the Our Lady's School Gospel Value of Courage by completing your work and listening to feedback from your teacher. Keep it up! From Miss Shai

Ava - showing persistence towards your learning especially after being away. You are a great self-manager! From Miss Shai

1L

Biak C - For having a go when sharing your thinking and collaborating with your classmates. You showed the gospel value of Courage! From Miss Steph

Isabella W - For being a leader and role model as we have prepared to present our learning at assembly. You had great ideas and were super enthusiastic! From Miss Steph

2M

Easton L - For showing the Gospel Value of Service by explaining tasks to your classmates when they need help. Well done! From Ms Rochelle

Lily P - For always having a positive attitude towards learning and staying persistent even when you face challenges. Well done! From Ms Rochelle

2N

Chelsea V - For consistently following directions, doing your best and for your peaceful and cooperative manner which contributes to a happy classroom. Well done! From Mrs Mitchell

Indiana L - For collecting information using a tally then representing the data clearly on a pictogram. Well done! From Mrs Mitchell

3E

Damien C - For displaying excellent self-management skills during independent maths and reading tasks. Keep up the great work! From Ms Howe & Ms Belinda

Vincent A - For being focussed and persistent when completing calculations of area in Maths. Great work Vincent! From Ms Howe & Ms Belinda

3F

Louise N - for displaying the Our Lady's Gospel Values of Peace and Compassion. You are always looking out for others and doing exactly what has been asked of you. From Mr Josh

Ethan N - for being a great Researcher when you investigated facts about different kinds of rockets during iTime. From Mr Josh

4G

Hiyab A - For being very proactive during iTime and out of school hours in finding out how to contact authors, emailing them with questions that help you learn more about becoming an author. The information you have gathered so far in your iTime project is amazing! From Ms Karen

Grace R- For showing the Our Lady's School Gospel value of Compassion by being gentle, caring and thoughtful in the way you engage with your peers. From Ms Karen



4H

Charlotte- For putting a lot of work into writing your persuasive text to Ms Bertani. Well done! From Ms. Robles

Paul - For including new vocabulary from a range of resources during writing. Keep it up! From Ms. Robles

5C

Bailey- For displaying the Learning Asset of Thinker by brainstorming ideas for topics for iTime, and coming up with strong potential questions. From Mr Membrey

Nevaeh- For working independently on your three-way learning conference slides, identifying strengths and goals, and selecting evidence of your learning. From Mr Membrey

5D

Matilda - For improving as a Communicator by sharing more of your ideas with the 5D during whole class discussions. Keep it up! From Ms Gurry

Sophia - For consistently being an excellent self-manager by showing focus when working independently and trying to produce your best effort! From Ms. Gurry

6A

Evelyn L - For displaying the school Gospel Values of Service by being prepared to take on tasks and duties in class. From Mr Wickham

Natalie H- For displaying the School Gospel Value of Respect through a quiet and polite manner shown to all. From Mr Wickham

6B

Van - For consistently displaying an excellent, responsible attitude towards all his learning and continually encouraging his peers. Outstanding leadership skills—Well Done!! From Mrs Muscat

Jumon - For consistently demonstrating the Our Lady's gospel value of Respect. Thank you for always showing such kindness and respect to others. Keep it up! From Mrs Muscat



FI: Anderson V
1K: Dylan K
2N: Savannah H
3F: Eilish L
4G: Danny B, Imogen T
Staff: Mrs Sales, Ms Gurry

LIFE ED AT OUR LADY'S



This week, our Life Education sessions commenced and will continue over the next couple of weeks. Yesterday 4H and 5D had their Life Education sessions. We also had a brief F-2 and 3-6 Life Education gathering with Live Healthy Harold in the afternoon.



PARISH NEWS

Many non-Catholic families at the time of enrolment in our school speak very highly of their wish to have the children educated in a Catholic School.

You may appreciate an opportunity our Parish is offering for a short series of video talks to understand more.

We would like to invite you to a refresher on the Catholic Faith.

Video and interactive learning evening once a week from 7.00pm - 8.30pm

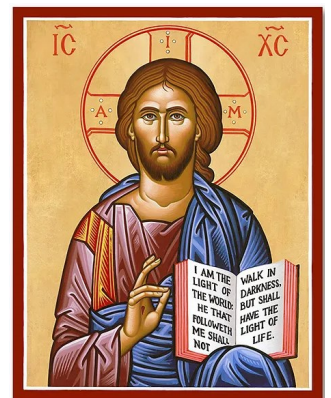
Wednesday 21 June and concluding on 9 August.

Refresh your knowledge and learn more about God, the Sacraments and the Church.

This is for information only, we have developed in response to requests.

We ask only that you commit to the 8 weeks.

If you are interested, please let the School Office know



Fr Peter-Damien McKinley
Parish Priest

Feast of the Sacred Heart

Friday 16 June



Dear Our Lady's Families,

As we approach the Feast of the Sacred Heart, a time of reflection and compassion, I invite you to join hands and hearts in a gesture of kindness and generosity.

Our community has always been known for its immense spirit of giving and this year we have the opportunity to make a significant impact on the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves, particularly during these cold and wintery times.

In the true spirit of the Feast of the Sacred Heart, **our aim is to collect donations of good-quality preowned toys, tinned goods, and blankets to provide warmth, sustenance, and joy to those who need them most.** Every small contribution can make a world of difference to someone in need, and by coming together we can create a ripple effect of kindness that will touch countless lives.

The drop-off point for donations is your child's classroom by Friday 16th June.

Also on this day, you are warmly invited to the Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass at 9.00am which has been organized by the Year 4s where we will be celebrating the unmitigated love, compassion, and long-suffering of the heart of Christ towards humanity.

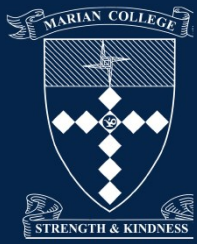
In addition, students are invited to wear casual clothes on this day for a donation which will also go to this cause.

May our collective efforts bring warmth, nourishment, and joy to the lives of those less fortunate, and may we find solace in knowing that our actions reflect the love and compassion that beats within our own hearts.

Wishing you all God's blessings,

Kriss Oliver

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADER



MARIAN COLLEGE

A Kildare Education Ministries Catholic School for Girls in the Brigidine Tradition

196 Glengala Road, Sunshine West VIC 3020

03 9363 1711

mariansw.catholic.edu.au

YEAR 7 2025 INFORMATION EVENING

7pm Tuesday 13 June, 2023



Options to register for the Information Evening are: scan the QR code above or
access this Trybooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CIHPX> or
phone our office on 9363 1711

APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7 2025 ONWARDS NOW OPEN

Limited places available for 2024

To submit an
Online Application Form,
please visit the College website
www.mariansw.catholic.edu.au

MARIAN COLLEGE TOURS

Join us for a College Tour with our Principal.
This is an excellent opportunity to view our
facilities and get all the information you need
to make a decision about your daughters'
education.

To register for a tour, please visit the College
website www.mariansw.catholic.edu.au

*Strong Futures.
Gentle Hearts.*



COME 'SEA' WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THE REST OF TERM 2!

Extend Before and After School Care is offering a wave of exciting activities and games!

There's countless possibilities to explore, so dive in with Extend for the rest of Term 2!



Grab a brush and
Design a colourful
work of art with
beautiful
water paints!



Unleash the magic
of your imagination
by creating a nature
fantasy world!



Use recyclable
materials to create
your own stunning
green-themed
picture!

Explore oceans of fun for the remainder of Term 2!
Make your bookings today at [extend.com.au](https://www.extend.com.au)

INSIGHTS

Helping your child become the best student they can be



The new school year is full of excitement and possibility for students and parents. Regardless of how a child or young person has previously performed, this year offers a chance to set a new course.

While it's tempting as a parent to make the attainment of good academic results the main priority, this is a narrow view that may be incompatible with long-term success. It's wiser to broaden your view and focus on helping your child or young person become the best student they can be. Here's how.

Encourage learning

The rapidly changing world and workforce that your child will enter requires that they have a willingness to continually learn and adapt. The concept of a lifelong learner, previously lauded by educators with an eye to the future, has now become a reality. Learning and continual improvement should be embedded in each child's psyche so that school life is just a starting point to a lifetime of learning, growth and development. Help your child see themselves as successful learners who achieve results through hard work and application, and that nothing is beyond them if they apply themselves.

Promote leadership

Leadership is required in all walks of life including at school, at work, in families and in the wider community. Help your child see themselves as a leader by focusing on personal leadership capacities such as planning ahead, communicating clearly, being accountable for their behaviour, developing emotional awareness and fostering good relationships with siblings and peers. Personal leadership development provides a strong foundation for the development of leadership skills in more public forums in later life.

Applaud independence

The school years are critical for the development of independence, which can easily be closed down by the roadblocks of impatience, overindulgence, fear and lack of time. Alternatively, independence is promoted when we show patience, provide opportunity, display confidence and teach students how.

Embed wellbeing

If there is one difference that modern schooling is making to the next generation it's in the leadership they have shown in recent years to the maintenance of mental health and wellbeing practises. Parents can support their child's long term wellbeing by embedding wellbeing habits including healthy eating, exercise, sleep, relaxation techniques, regular time in nature, gratitude and mindfulness.

parenting*ideas

Teach socialisation

If you want your child to be liked by others, it's essential to spend time and effort developing the skills and attitudes needed to succeed. Develop in them an awareness of how their behaviour impacts on others, instil manners and community-mindedness and develop a broad range of friendship skills that will assist them to relate well to others.

Foster resilience

2020 showed us life is unpredictable, full of ups and downs, straight balls and curve balls. It's the unpredictability, the downs and the curve balls that develop kids' resilience. How parents and teachers react to the hardships, frustrations and difficulties kids face either hamper or foster resilience. Spoil, overprotect or pamper and growth opportunities are wasted. Support, encourage and teach kids to cope and you'll be helping them develop a real sense of psychological hardiness and resilience that's essential for long term happiness and success.

Make this year a memorable one by helping your child grow and develop into the best student they can be. Keep the focus broad and do all you can to ensure that your child sees themselves as a confident and continuous learner.



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.



Whoever eats this bread will live forever



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year A

Gospel Jn 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another:

'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life,

and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food

and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me

and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father,

so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven;

not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead.

but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Can you work out which two of these pictures are the same?



Dear Lord,

Amen.

Write a prayer of thanksgiving to God that you can say before every meal.

