



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10 March 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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'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful' Luke 6:36



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 11 Mar

Parish Movie

Mon 14 Mar

Labour Day Public Holiday

Tues 15 Mar

Catholic Education Week

Wed 16 Mar

School Photos

PAB AGM 7.00pm

Fri 18 Mar

Casual Day - gold coin donation to support St Joseph's Corner

Thurs 24 Mar

End of Term 1 at 3.15pm

Mon 11 Apr

Start of Term 2 at 8.45am

Tues 12 Apr

7.00-8.30pm Susan McLean (Cyber Safety Solutions) Auditorium

Fri 22 Apr

Professional Learning for Staff (First Aid & Emergency Management) - **No school for the children**

Mon 25 Apr

ANZAC Day - Public Holiday

Sacraments

Sun 24 July

10.30am Eucharist 4H

Sun 31 July

10.30am Eucharist 4G

Thurs 8 Sept

7.00pm First Reconciliation

Fri 11 Nov

7.00pm Confirmation

To the Parents and all the Our Lady's School Community,

This year on the 19th of March the Sisters of St Joseph will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the founding of their Congregation by St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Father Julian Tenison Woods. We at Our Lady's School give thanks to the Sisters of St Joseph for their 73 years of service in both our parish and school. We maintain our strong ties with the Sisters and are committed to keep the charism of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop alive in our school.



As a way to celebrate this important 150th anniversary we would like to raise some very much needed money for 'Joseph's Corner' which is a not for profit support service for families dealing with alcohol and drug addiction. The Sisters of St Joseph began 'Joseph's Corner' in 2001 and rely on donations to keep the services going. The aim of Joseph's corner is to:

- Provide support to families in stress and crisis.
- Provide appropriate ongoing support service, to enable families to cope and manage their difficult situation.

I can't think of a better way to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the formation of the Sisters of St Joseph than to support them in their incredibly valuable work of providing for the most vulnerable in our community. In the spirit of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop we have organised a casual dress day where the children make a gold coin donation to the school who will present the funds raised to Sister Jean who runs 'Joseph's Corner' with her team of volunteers.



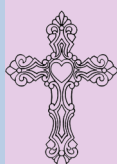
IMPORTANT FUNDRAISING EVENT TO SUPPORT JOSEPH'S CORNER FRIDAY 18th MARCH

CASUAL DAY AT OUR LADY'S SCHOOL
GOLD COIN DONATION
(any extra money to spare will be greatly appreciated)

Work for Peace Prayer

We pray to be people of peace as Jesus taught us. We are to live in peace with others.

Jesus, you said to your followers, "My peace I leave you, my peace I give you". Help us to live always in peace in our hearts and our lives. Help us to bring peace to others and stand up for the rights of all people. Help us to work for peace in our families, our neighbourhoods, and our world. All things are possible through you, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



The Our Lady's values of SERVICE and SOCIAL JUSTICE being lived out by students at our school

A big THANK YOU to all our Year 6 students for organising and running a very successful cake stall this Thursday which raised \$463.95c for Caritas. The money will go directly to a family in Malawi and will provide the family with a toilet which they would otherwise not have. Great work Year 6!



Scout and Phoebe taking the initiative

Scout and Phoebe thought that if they sold the things that they owned but didn't use anymore that would be a great way of raising money for Caritas. Scout wanted to help the poor but she knew she needed help so she asked Phoebe who also wanted to do the same thing. They organised an Op shop and advertised it in the school and in the community. They sold books, bikes, clothes, toys, lemon slices and lemonade.

Many people came to buy the items on sale and Scout and Phoebe raised \$95.65c for Caritas. They have a message that they would like me to pass on to you.



Our message is it's fun to help others, especially when you do it with your friends. They would like to thank their mums and dads for their support as well as Lewis (Scout's brother) in Foundation I.

Parent Information Evening on Cyber Safety and Internet use

Tuesday 12 April 7pm-8:30pm— In the John Maher Auditorium



The guest speaker is Susan McLean. Susan is Australia's foremost expert in the area of cyber safety and young people and was a member of Victoria Police for 27 years. Widely known as the 'cyber cop', she was the first Victoria Police Officer appointed to a position involving cyber safety and young people. In 2003 she was the Victoria Police Region Four Youth Officer of the Year. She has also been awarded The National Medal and the Victoria Police Service Medal and 2nd Clasp.

She has conducted extensive research and has completed advanced training in both the USA and the UK. She has been an advisor to schools, elite sporting bodies and both State and Federal Governments. Susan will allow time during her presentation to answer all your questions so please do not miss out on this opportunity to learn more about the technology that has become a part of our daily lives.

Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani
Principal
princi-

Don't forget that you can now access our Newsletter on our class sites.

Ask your kids how to do it. They will show you.

Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting

On Wednesday we had the Parents and Friends Committee Annual General Meeting. Nominations were put forward and a new committee was formed. It was great to see new parents attending the meeting as well as a surprise visit from Father Peter who gave us some great fund raising ideas to keep in mind.

For 2016

President— Sue Brown
Vice President- Leonie Kirk
Treasurer-Anne Hubbard
Secretary –Sonya McCartin

Parents, children and staff having fun at our wonderful Foundation Barbeque Evening Celebrating Together as a School Community

Thank you to all the staff, parents and children who came together for our annual Foundation Barbeque. I would especially like to give a big thanks to Mrs Christine Carabott and Mrs Christina Trypis who organised all the food and drinks. A big thank you also to Steve and Mr John Buttigieg who cooked all the sausages. Thank you also to Father Peter who also joined us and thoroughly enjoyed the event. It was fabulous to see the children having so much fun and the parents and staff having a chat and enjoying the barbeque together as a school community.







Our Lady's Church Sunshine

EASTER TIMETABLE 2016

Holy Thursday 24 March

Mass of the Lord's Supper

6.00pm English

8.30pm Vietnamese

Good Friday 25 March

10.00am *Stations of the Cross*

11.00am *Reconciliation*

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3.00pm (English) 5.30pm (Vietnamese)

Holy Saturday 26 March

10.00am *Reconciliation*

6.00pm *Easter Vigil*

8.30pm *Easter Vigil in Vietnamese*

Easter Sunday 27 March

Masses: 9.00am 10.30am 12.30pm (in Vietnamese)

EASTER CEREMONIES - HELP NEEDED WITH ALTAR SERVERS

Parents of children who already made their First Eucharist, are welcome to contact the school office if your child is interested.

Fr. Vinh & Fr. Peter will offer some basic training mostly on the day, because each ceremony is different. See the list of all Easter times in this newsletter. Altar Servers from Our Lady's School will be very welcome.

Altar Servers needed for the following times:

Thurs 24th March, 6pm

Good Friday 3pm

Saturday 6pm

Easter Sunday 9am & 10.30am

THANKYOU

Fr Peter McKinley



Caroline Chisholm Catholic College - Year 7 2017

Caroline Chisholm Catholic College will be conducting interviews in March for all Grade 6 students who have applied for Year 7 2017. The event will be conducted over 2 evenings from 4.00pm-7.00pm on **Monday 21st March** and **Tuesday 22nd March 2016**.

Parents who have submitted an application will be informed of an interview time and date in the coming weeks. Please save the date.

For any who have not submitted an application as yet, please make contact with the College (9269 5311) as soon as possible.

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	ACTIVITY	AFTERNOON TEA
MONDAY	Kids choice free painting, activity sheets, soccer	Custard, crackers, biscuits
TUESDAY	Recycle construction with boxes, soccer, cricket, play-ground	pizza
WEDNESDAY	Kids choice art and craft activities ,soccer, cricket	Bread sandwich
THURSDAY	Easter bunny art and craft, cricket, soccer	Rice cakes
FRIDAY	Kids in kitchen cooking, soccer, playground	Salada with spread

Dear Families,

Get ready for autumn school holiday fun!

Program runs from 7:00 am- 6:00 pm. For more information please visit our web-site: www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au.



2016 enrolments are open now and you can fill the enrolment forms online from our website, www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au before your child attends the session.

For more information please contact our staff at Our Lady's School from 2:45 p.m-6:00 p.m.

For all accounts queries please contact our office.

Our office email address is Childrensservices.vic@ymca.org.au ,PH- 8371 0500.

Our school email address is ourladysoshc@ymca.org.au , PH-0401 700 401

If you or someone else is picking up your child (children) early on your behalf and if you child/ren are not attending the after school care, please let OSHC coordinator know.



**Foundation enrolments for 2017 are
 now open!**

**If you have a child who will be starting at Our
 Lady's in Foundation next year-2017, please come
 to the Office for an Enrolment folder.**

**When you have filled it out, please come back to the Office with
 the Enrolment Form and all documentation and an appointment
 time will be made for you.**

**Each year we have a waiting list and we do not want a sibling of an
 existing student to miss out.**



Foundation Excursion



Grade 6 Caritas Fundraiser





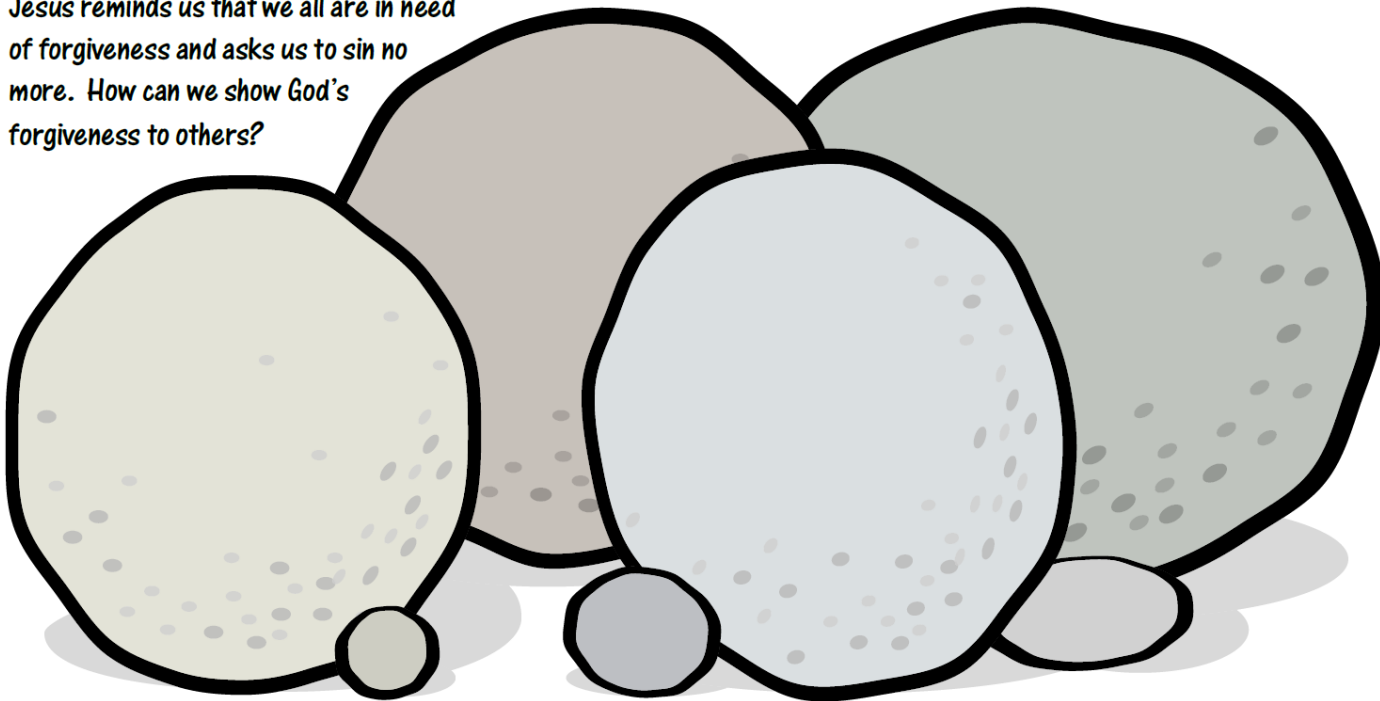
**if any of you have never
sinned then go ahead and
throw the first stone**

my name is



5th Sunday of Lent, Year C

Jesus reminds us that we all are in need of forgiveness and asks us to sin no more. How can we show God's forgiveness to others?



Gospel

Jn 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

During this final week of Lent we can all work really hard at being the best Christians we can be, in preparation for Holy Week.

At the start of Lent, what was one of the things about your life that you wanted to improve?

How well do you think you have done so far?
Give yourself a score between 5 (Great!!) and 1 (hmmm...not so great).

What are some ways you can do even better during this final week of Lent and Holy Week?