



# OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10 March 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

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*

He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!" (Mark 4:2-9)

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Mon 13 Mar** Labour Day

Public Holiday

**Thurs 16 Mar** 7.00pm Recon-  
ciliation Parent Night

**Mon 20 Mar** Open Day for  
Foundation 2024

**Mon 27 Mar: Staff Profes-  
sional Learning Literacy with  
Deb Sukarna**

**Wed 29-Fri 31 Mar** Teeth on  
Wheels here

**Fri 31 Mar** 2.45pm Second  
Hand Uniform Sale

**Thur 6 Apr** End of Term 1 at  
1.00pm

**Mon 24 Apr** Start of Term 2  
at 8.35am

**Tues 25 Apr** ANZAC Day Pub-  
lic Holiday

**Wed 26 April** 7.00pm Yr 4  
Eucharist Parent & Student  
Evening

**Mon 22 May** Athletics Day at  
Keilor Athletics Track

## **SACRAMENTS**

**Thur 23 March: 7.00pm Rec-  
onciliation for Year 3**

**Sun 7 May: 10.30am Eucha-  
rist for Year 4**

**Sun 7 May: 10.30am Eu-  
charist for Year 4**

**Thur 24 Aug: 7.00pm Confir-  
mation for Year 6**

## **PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS - PUPIL FREE DAYS**

**Mon 27 March: Literacy with  
Deb Sukarna**

**Fri 5 May: Personalised  
Learning with Kath Murdoch**

**Thur 22 Jun: Three Way  
Learning Conversations**

**Fri 28 Jul: RE with Maria  
Forde**

**Mon 6 Nov: Report Writing**

Dear Parents,

Next week I will be taking some long service leave and Christine Carabott (Deputy Principal / Student Wellbeing Leader) will be in the role of Acting Principal.

A reminder that Monday is Labour Day and is a public holiday so there will no school for students. I have listed important dates along the side of this newsletter as well as on the next page for you to note.

On Wednesday we had the Foundation Picnic at school. The Foundation students and their siblings had a wonderful time with the superheros Wonder Woman, Bat Woman and a very creative face-painter. It was a very successful evening and great to see the staff and parents chatting away and getting to know each other a little better. I would like to thank our Parish Priest Father Peter for attending the Foundation Picnic and spending time meeting our families. Thank you also to Ms Wendy (FJ), Ms Cam Tu (FI), Ms Steph (1L), Christine Carabott (Deputy Principal / Student Wellbeing Leader), Kriss Oliver (RE / Learning and Teaching Leader) Tania Cuni (Literacy Leader), John Buttigieg (DDT Leader) and Greg Woolford (Family/School Partnership Convenor).

Most of all I would like to thank the families that attended the Foundation Picnic and made it such a special event for all to enjoy. I hope you enjoy the photos of the Foundation Picnic that we have included in the newsletter.

***Engaging families in education not only improves student achievement, but also strengthens families, boosts teacher effectiveness, and builds community.***

(Anne Henderson, Founder and Senior Consultant with the National Association for Family, School and Community Engagement, Washington DC)



## **Prayer for Lent**

*The holy season of Lent prepares us for Easter. Lent is the 40 days before Easter.*

God, Father of us all, we thank you for sending Jesus to us. By his life, death and resurrection he redeemed the world. Help us to remember all that you have done for us out of your unending love. We pray today not only for our own needs but for the needs of other people in our world. During this holy season of Lent we ask your forgiveness for the wrong we have done to others and the good we have not done. May we make up for any harm that we have caused and may we live in your love and mercy. Help us to give praise to you by the way we live our lives now and always. Amen





## YEAR SIX LEADERSHIP BADGES

"The greatest among you will be your servant." Matthew 23: 11  
"For even the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve others"  
Matthew 20:28

The Year Six Student Leadership Badge is awarded to students who show leadership based on the Servant Leadership Model as lived by Jesus, serving others before self. This model has been lived out by the saints, including Mary MacKillop who said, "Never see a need without doing something about it."

The Leadership Badge is awarded for consistent, sustained and purposeful leadership within the classroom, on the playground and in all school activities such as interschool sport.



*Natalie H 6A*



*Van R 6B*



## IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 13th of March - Labour Day Holiday - No school

Wednesday 15th of March to Friday 24th of March - NAPLAN Testing for Year 3 and 5 only

Thursday 16th of March - Reconciliation Year 3 Parent Evening at 7.00pm

Monday 20th of March - Open Day School Tours at 10am and 4pm

Thursday 23rd March - Sacrament of Reconciliation for Year 3 students at 7.00pm

Monday 27th of March - Staff Professional Learning Day— No school for students

Friday 31st of March - Second Hand Uniform Sale at 2.45pm

Thursday 6th of April - Last day of Term. **School finishes at 1.00pm**

Monday 24th of April - Term 2 begins

Tuesday 25th April - ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Yours sincerely,

*Patrizia Bertani*

**Ms Patrizia Bertani**

**Principal**

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## FI

**Jayden** - For staying focused during Discovery Learning and engaging meaningfully to make a marble course. Well done! *From Ms. Cam Tu & Mrs Granata*

**Henry** - For being a Self-Manager and recognising that you were persisting when creating a marble run during Discovery Learning. Well done. *From Ms. Cam Tu & Mrs Granata*

## FJ

**Katarina** - For being a great Self-Manager during Discovery. You worked hard to make your tower! Well done! *From Miss Wendy*

**Nate** - For showing courage and bouncing back when things are hard. Well done! *From Miss Wendy*

## 1K

**Jeremiah** - for trying your hardest during our writing conference when completing a recount about a story we read. *From Miss Shai*

**Mai** - for consistently displaying the Our Lady's School Gospel Value of Peace in every aspect of your learning. Thank you for being a positive contributor to our classroom. *From Miss Shai*

## 1L

**Ryan N** - For listening to instructions and showing focus this week. Keep it up! *From Miss Steph*

**Chloe M** - For persisting and showing your strength of being hard-working when stretching out sounds in words. *From Miss Steph*

## 2M

**Francis T** - For always taking great care in producing your best work, especially during writing where you are now beginning the process of publishing your work. Well done! *From Ms Rochelle*

**Mia N** - For consistently displaying kindness to others and having a positive attitude towards all areas of learning. Your kindness is so infectious, Mia. *From Ms Rochelle*

## 2N

**Tom N** - For listening to feedback during our Writing conference and adding detail to improve your information text about Penguins. Well done! *From Mrs Mitchell*

**Winnie B** - For displaying courage when raising your hand and sharing your 'wondering' during our discussion about Life in the Past. Well done! *From Mrs Mitchell*

## 3E

**Ava H** - For the positive attitude you always bring to your learning. You always give things a go even when it can be challenging. Well done! *From Ms Howe & Mrs Mendoza*

**Simon L** - For using paragraphs in your narrative and the awesome job you did editing your writing! Keep it up! *From Ms Howe & Mrs Mendoza*

## 3F

**Garang M** - For working well on your persuasive text about why everyone should learn to cook. Great work Garang! *From Mr Josh*

**Justin C** - For showing the Our Lady's Gospel Value of Respect by speaking nicely to others and playing fairly with your friends. Well done Justin! *From Mr Josh*



#### 4G

**Hiyab A-** For working hard to grow your learning and understanding of mathematical concepts. Your work in fractions is showing improvement! Keep it up! *From Ms Karen*

**Jake C-** For trying your best to locate the main idea and supporting details in a picture or text. Well done! Your deep thinking shows! *From Ms Karen*



#### 4H

**Jasmine-** For being a self-manager during writing by taking initiative to proofread your draft. Keep it up! *From Ms. Robles*

**Harper-** For working hard to locate the main idea and supporting details in the text. Well done! *From Ms. Robles*

#### 5C

**David H-** for displaying leadership qualities in the way you help around the classroom without being asked. Keep it up, David! *From Mr Membrey*

**Leonardo S-** for displaying the Learning Asset of Self-Manager by independently implementing feedback given to you. You have stepped up to the challenge! Well done, Leo. *From Mr Membrey*

#### 5D

**Tracey L** - For showing Our Lady's Gospel value of Courage by sharing your ideas and answering questions during class discussions. Keep it up! *From Ms Gurry*

**Abbey N** - For consistently displaying the Learning Asset of Collaborator. You are an excellent team member, focussing your group to complete tasks to a high standard. Well done! *From Ms. Gurry*

#### 6A

**Miranda N.** - For writing a thoughtful persuasive text on the benefits of the Year Six camp. *From Mr Wickham*

**Sam A-** For active and thoughtful participation in class discussions and learning activities. *From Mr Wickham*

#### 6B

**Nathan L** - For continuously making valuable contributions to class discussions and enthusiastically sharing your ideas. Well done! *From Mrs Muscat*

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



1K: Kira N

1L: Charlie T, Ryan N, Edward M

4G: Hanna L

4H: Harper W, Ngun P

6A: Natalie H



# Foundation Picnic







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# *Easter* **RAFFLE 2023**

**TICKETS \$2.00 EACH ON QKR**

**Available on QKR from  
Friday 10 March until  
Tuesday 4 April**

**DRAWN ON WEDNESDAY 5  
APRIL**

Donations of Easter Eggs &  
Easter Prizes can be dropped  
off at the Office



**OUR LADY'S PRIMARY SUNSHINE**

# Foundation 2024 Enrolments open 27 February 2023

**Please come into the School Office to pick up an enrolment pack**

**Our Lady's School is a Catholic Primary School for boys and girls serving the Parish of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Sunshine.**

**Principal Ms Patrizia Bertani**  
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## **Our Vision**

**In a spirit of unity and harmony, we strive to develop the whole person; providing an excellent education for all and inspiring our community members to live a Christian way of life.**



## **OPEN DAY**

**Monday 20 March**

**Tours at 10.00am & 4.00pm**

**LOCATION**

**32 STATION PLACE SUNSHINE 3020 Ph 9312 2230**

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**Anne T. Henderson**

Founder and Snr consultant  
with the National Association  
for Family, School and  
Community Engagement  
(NAFSCE)  
Washington DC

## EVERYONE WINS!

Please join conversations with Anne Henderson: The evidence for family-school-partnerships based on her new publication.

Spotlighting

1. Children
2. Families
3. Educators & School Communities



## Webinar 1: Spotlight on Children

**Wednesday, March 29th**  
**9:15am - 10.30am**

[Register](#) by COB March 28th

### Further Information:

[gwoolford@mogardeer.catholic.edu.au](mailto:gwoolford@mogardeer.catholic.edu.au)



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## INSIGHTS

### Why family rituals really matter



Family rituals strengthen the sense of warm connectedness in families. This makes sense, given that the number one biological need for every human is the hunger to belong, and to be accepted, valued and loved.

The disruption of life in 2020 saw many families unable to go about their normal activities, and for many, family rituals reclaimed their valuable position. For some, it was simply going for walks together, riding bikes together, baking, or watching movies together complete with home-made popcorn.

So how can families create and maintain small rituals that make such a difference?

#### Turn routines into rituals

Bedtime routines that include such things as reading to your children, singing special bedtime songs or even just lying beside your child do far more than help them to fall asleep. When these routines are repeated, they create neural pathways which enhance loving connection. As a nanny to several precious little ones, I absolutely love being a part of their bedtime rituals.

#### Reign in the chaos

Family rituals bring a degree of predictability and certainty into our sometimes chaotic lives. They are important for teenagers as they provide a sense of control at a time of change and challenge. Families who are struggling with any uncertainty and stress should regularly connect with a much-loved board game or family movie and dive into it with enthusiasm. Leave work and worry behind and spend a couple of hours with those you love the most.

#### Create greeting rituals

Greeting and goodbye rituals within families are also important. How you welcome and reconnect to children after a day away shows them that you have missed them and still love them. With little ones, some parents leave a kiss on their child's palm. For others there are special handshakes. I can still remember my dad saying goodbye to us with the oldie but goodie "See you later alligator!" To which we naturally replied, "in a while, crocodile!" This is a ritual that happens now with my grandchildren.

As an authorised celebrant, I have conducted many funerals and one of the things that brings joy to broken hearts are the shared memories of family rituals. The repeated nature of ritual helps to anchor memories deeply in our minds. I remember a beautiful funeral for a man where everyone wore a beanie and a scarf, including his youngest grandchild. This simple act was a nod to the fact that whenever this grandfather watched football on TV, he always wore a beanie and a scarf and so did anyone else who was watching with him. A simple but powerful act.

Never underestimate the importance of family rituals in your home.



#### Maggie Dent

Commonly known as the 'queen of common sense', Maggie Dent has become one of Australia's favourite parenting authors and educators, with a particular interest in the early years, adolescence and resilience. She has written seven major books including the bestselling *Mothering Our Boys* and her 2020 release, *From Boys to Men*. Maggie is host of the ABC podcast, [Parental As Anything](#). She is the mother of four sons and a very grateful grandmother. For further details visit [maggiedent.com](http://maggiedent.com)

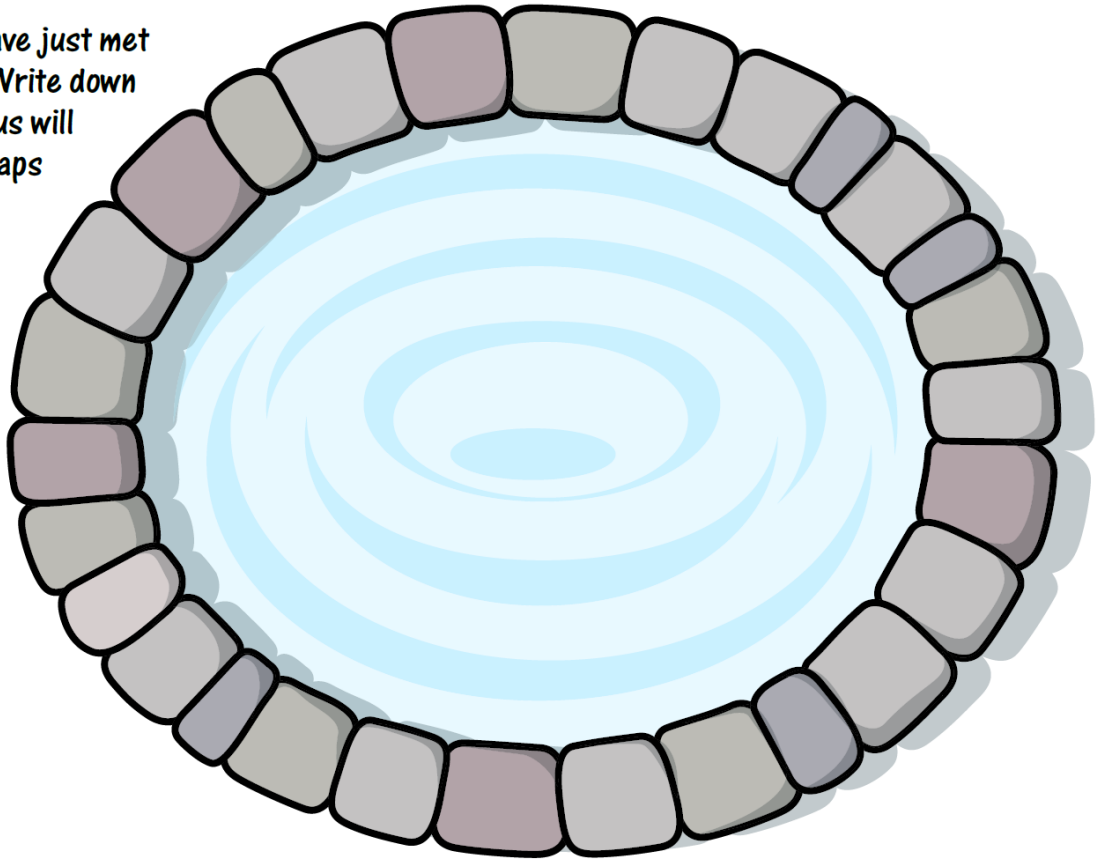




# I offer you life-giving water

3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A

Imagine that you have just met Jesus at the well. Write down what you think Jesus will ask of you, or perhaps share with him something that you are really in need of in your life right now.



## Gospel Jn 4:5-15.19-26.39-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may

never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'