



## OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

17 March 2016

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



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Fri 18 Mar**

Casual Day - gold coin donation to support St Joseph's Corner Assembly will start at 2.30pm today!

**Tues 22 Mar**  
Second Hand Uniform Sale outside Canteen 3.00pm

**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)  
Parent Information Evening in the Auditorium

**Fri 22 Apr**

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

**Mon 25 Apr**

ANZAC Day - Public Holiday

**Wed 27 Apr**

Michael Ymer Parent Session 7.00-8.30pm

**Mon 2 May**

School Review focused  
**School Closure Day - No school for the children**

### 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 week the staff of Our Lady's School attended the annual Western Zone Beginning of the School Year Mass. The Mass was attended by staff from 62 schools in our zone. Bishop Vincent Long celebrated the Mass at St. Mary's Altona and our own Father Peter co-celebrated the mass with Bishop Long and priests from other parishes in the west. Thank you to the staff of Our Lady's for representing our school. It was great to see that Bishop Long had recovered from a recent operation. I ask that you pray that he makes a full recovery. The theme of the Mass was: *'Be the Face of Mercy'*

### **Parents Advisory Board Annual General Meeting**

On Wednesday we held our Annual General Meeting for the Parents Advisory Board. We have elected a new board for 2016. I would like to congratulate the following people on their appointments to these positions:

*Chairperson - Kylie Taylor Crosbie*

*Deputy Chairperson - Merryn Woolcock*

*Secretary - Anne Hubbard*

### **Vision for Parent Advisory Board**

- To represent and to be representative of all parents and families, being inclusive and committed
- To share and live out the vision and the values of the school
- To be a rich source of wisdom and insight as well as working to strengthen community partnerships
- To consult and seek to achieve better outcomes for all members of the school community
- To be role models for others – maintaining a professional and confidential approach
- To make everyone feel included and welcome
- To be active listeners committed to working collaboratively
- To work proactively and positively for the school
- To represent the parent voice and the whole school community in a loyal and proper way
- To establish boundaries and protocols to operate by
- To utilise ICT tools to gather a broader representation of parent voice
- To at all times maintain confidentiality



### **IMPORTANT FUNDRAISING EVENT TO SUPPORT JOSEPH'S CORNER**

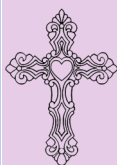
**TOMORROW FRIDAY 18th MARCH**

**CASUAL DAY AT OUR LADY'S SCHOOL - GOLD COIN DONATION**

**(any extra money to spare will be greatly appreciated)**

### **PRAYER FOR SAINT PATRICK'S DAY**

*On March 17 we celebrate Saint Patrick. This saint travelled all over Ireland teaching people.*



God of all people, today we celebrate Saint Patrick and all he means to us. Saint Patrick told the people of Ireland about the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Saint Patrick baptised people and built churches. Saint Patrick shared his faith with others so they would know you. Saint Patrick told the people of Ireland the good news of your love. Help us to be like Saint Patrick and share the good news of Jesus Christ Amen

## School Review

Two weeks ago I informed the parent community about the School Review process that our school is engaged in this year. It is a very extensive process which requires deep reflection and analysis of the progress that our school has made over the last four years, in the Five Spheres of Schooling: Education in Faith, Leadership and Management, Learning and Teaching, Student Wellbeing and Community.

The Review process requires all schools to write a self-reflection report and respond to the following questions for each of the Five Spheres of Schooling:



- What did we aim to do?
- To what extent did we achieve our goals, intended outcomes and targets? What evidence do we have available to support this?
- Why were we successful/not successful in our achievements as stated in the School Improvement Plan for this sphere?
- How is our Catholic Vision embedded in what we have achieved?
- What would we like to achieve in the future?

**Schools who are in review are allocated an extra School Closure Day to support them in this very rigorous process. We will have our Review focused School Closure Day on Monday the 2nd of May. I take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation and understanding.**



## Oskar's Bright Idea



Oskar presented me with a proposal to allow students at Our Lady's to bring their cards to school and play and trade them during snack and lunchtimes. This idea was put to the staff of Our Lady's school and we have decided to trial it. We ask that only cards that are aligned with Our Lady's School values be brought to school and that if you wish to bring your cards you follow the following rules:

### **Rules for TCGs or Trading Games**

*Cards can be fun to play and swap. They can also be educational and help you to develop strategies and deep thinking.*

*Only bring the cards you are comfortable bringing to school. If you lose or misplace them it will be your responsibility.*

*You will be allowed to bring your cards to school every day. The teachers are trusting that all children who bring their cards to school will be responsible. The cards can only be taken out at Snack and Lunch breaks.*

- \* *All children who bring the cards to school are responsible for keeping them safe.*
- \* *All card games will be played in the area outside the Foundation, Year 1 and 2 classrooms so that it can be easily supervised by the teacher on yard duty.*
- \* *Be sure you absolutely want to trade your card because once you have traded it you cannot expect to have it back.*
- \* *Only card games that are recommended for children between the ages of 5 and 12 are to be brought to school.*

Most of all we hope that you will have fun, learn how to strategize and meet new friends.





## YEAR 2N and 2M Excursion to Essendon Traffic School

This week the children in Years 2M and 2N went to the Essendon Traffic School to learn about road safety. They had a wonderful time learning. We can see the children getting ready to listen to the presenter who is one of our mums here at Our Lady's, Lori Bourke. Thank you Lori for teaching our children to understand the road rules.



Yours sincerely,

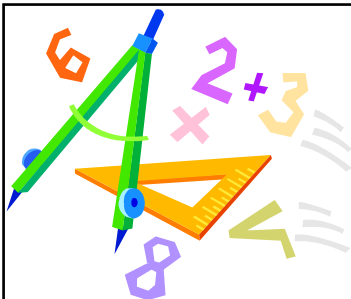
*Patrizia Bertani*

**Ms Patrizia Bertani**

**Principal**

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# Maths for Parents!

Our Lady's Primary School - Mary MacKillop Library

**Wednesday 27th April 2016**

**7.00-8.30 pm**

**Presenter: Michael Ymer**



Michael Ymer is a specialist mathematics consultant from Melbourne, Australia. He is involved in many Professional Development programs in schools across Australia and Asia. Michael worked at our school in May last year with great success and we are having him back again to provide coaching sessions to our staff and parent community.

Michael is an enthusiastic and entertaining presenter who has a clear and practical approach to the challenges that confront schools and parents in mathematics. On this evening Michael will address the following issues

- What is my child learning in mathematics?
- How can I help my child become an efficient problem solver?
- How do children best learn mathematics?
- How can parents promote quality thinking and learning?
- How can I help my child in mathematics?

He will model a range of learning tasks that promote mental computation and mathematical thinking.

I recommend this evening to all parents as a very worthwhile session that will help you understand the focus of mathematics in schools today. The session will offer strategies and ideas to help you support your young mathematicians.

I look forward to working with you on this evening.

Regards,

*Christine Carabott*

Deputy Principal & Numeracy Leader





## 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 6.00pm

Good Friday 3.00pm

Saturday 6.00pm

Easter Sunday 9.00am & 10.30am

THANKYOU

*Fr Peter McKinley*



### Second Hand Uniform Sale –Tuesday 22 March

There will be a second hand uniform sale straight after school on Tuesday 22 March.

This is a great time to grab a bargain before term 2.

If you can help at the stall please join us in front of the canteen at 3pm.

We are also looking for donations of clean uniforms in good condition.

Please contact Sue Brown on [parents@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au](mailto:parents@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au) to arrange drop off.

Thanks,

*Our Lady's P&F Committee*





### **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.



**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.**



Passion Sunday, Year C

## Gospel Lk 19: 28-40

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, whereon entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this,

"The Lord has need of it". So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it'. And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives,

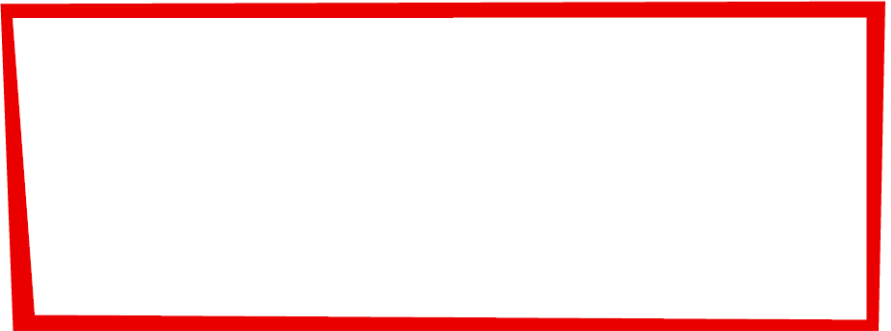
the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples'. He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out'.

Help fill in the details of the important events of Holy Week.

### PASSION SUNDAY

Crowds of people saw Jesus ride a donkey into the city of Jerusalem. The people cheered, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Draw some of the symbols of Passion Sunday.



### HOLY THURSDAY

Write down what you know about the last supper.

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After the last supper, Jesus led his disciples to the garden at Gethsemane to be with him while he prayed. It was here that Jesus was betrayed by Judas and arrested by soldiers.

Draw some of the symbols of Holy Thursday.



### GOOD FRIDAY

Write down what you know about Pontius Pilate.




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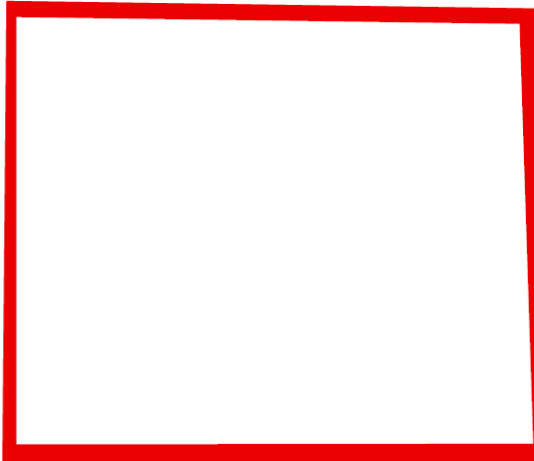
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Jesus carried his cross through the streets until he arrived at Calvary where he was crucified. With the sky dark he died on the cross.

Draw some of the symbols of Good Friday.