



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

22 March 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
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Our Lady's is a Child Safe School

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thurs 29 March

3.15pm End of Term 1

Mon 16 April

Start of Term 2

Wed 18 April

Sibling Foundation 2019 Interviews

Fri 20 April

Parish Movie

Mon 23 April

Sibling Foundation 2019 Interviews

Tues 24 April

Special ANZAC Assembly

Wed 25 April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday. No school for the children

Fri 27 April

AOM Assembly

Tues 1 May

Sibling Foundation 2019 Interviews

Mon 7 May

Professional Learning Day for Staff (Student Wellbeing Berry Street) - No school for the children

SACRAMENTS

Eucharist (Year 4)

Sun 27 May 10.30am (4H)

Sun 3 June 10.30am (4G)

Reconciliation (Year 3)

Thur 6 Sept 7.00pm

Confirmation (Year 6)

Fri 16 November 7.00pm

Dear Parent,

We hope that you have been connecting with your child's learning throughout the term via the Class Sites and taking full advantage of this opportunity for you to engage more deeply in your child's learning and generally in the life of the school. There are also specialist sites including: Art, Digital Technologies, Sport and LOTE (Italian). Please leave a comment and give the teachers some feedback which they would greatly welcome.

"Parents should be educated in the language of schooling, so that the home and school can share the expectations, and the child does not have to live in two worlds – with little understanding between the home and the school". John Hattie, 2009 "

We are hoping our sites bring the home and school closer together, strengthening school and home collaboration to nurture your child to grow and flourish as both a learner and as a person.

Last Friday Mrs Justine Sales and myself accompanied the school leaders to the annual St Patrick's Day Mass as part of the Catholic Education Week celebrations. Their behaviour was exceptional and they represented our school so proudly and with such joy. It is always beautiful to see the hundreds of schools parade with their school banners. It was just wonderful to see Khai and Matilda our school captains carrying our school banner up the long aisle of St Patrick's Cathedral with huge smiles on their faces.



We hope that everyone had a Happy St. Patrick's Day on the 17th of March and a Happy St. Joseph's day on the 19th of March.



SAINT JOSEPH PRAYER



On March 19 we honour Saint Joseph. He was a holy and caring man. Saint Joseph, You were a faithful husband to Mary and you watched over Jesus when he was a boy. We ask you to watch over us too.

Pray for us that we will trust God in all things as you did.

Amen



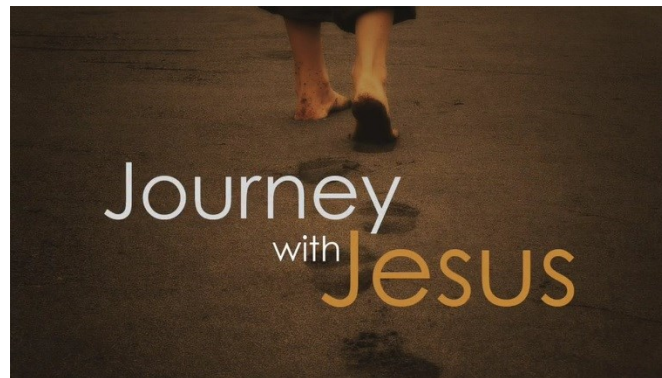
At Our Lady of the Immaculate Parish Primary School we promote the safety, well being and inclusion of all children.

Holy Week Walk to Resurrection

The most important day in the Catholic liturgical calendar, Easter Sunday is the central feast of the Christian faith. To help our school community tune into Holy Week and the events leading up to Christ's resurrection in glory, our students have been involved in some creative and critical thinking and created a series of seven installations for you to encounter.

Our Lady's School invites you to come along on our Holy Week Walk to Resurrection in the last week of school. Each installation will engage you and allow you to make your own meaning as you encounter Jesus' journey in an innovative way. Please join us.

Kriss Oliver-RE/Learning and Teaching Leader



~ You Are Invited ~

What: Holy Week Walk to Resurrection

Where: Different locations around the school. See map.

When: Week 9, last week of school

Time: Anytime, (please remember to sign in at the Office) or check your child's class site for more information.



The order of The Walk

- 1 – Palm Sunday – Foundation
- 2 – The washing of the feet – Yr 5
- 3 – The Last Supper – Yr 4
- 4 – Garden of Gethsemane – Yr 3
- 5 – Jesus before Pilate – Yr 2
- 6 – The Crucifixion – Yr 1
- 7 – The Resurrection – Yr 6

Ryan can 'Fly' !

Tuesday was a cold and windy morning with dark clouds and the threat of rain. The thought of "warming up" in the cold outside pool at 9.00am was a little daunting for all the competitors including Ryan and Kieran, who were representing Our Lady's in the School Sport Victoria Combined Division Swimming Championships (Maribyrnong, Moonee Ponds & Keilor Divisions) at St Albans Leisure Centre.



With each competitor permitted to enter two individual events, Ryan successfully made his way into the Western Metropolitan Region finals at Geelong on Tuesday 27th March, by taking out both the 9/10 year old boys 50 metres Freestyle and Butterfly events. His fly finish was 2 lengths ahead of his nearest competitor! Kieran came a close 4th in both the 12 year old boys 50m Freestyle, and Breaststroke, achieving new Personal Best times.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RYAN AND KIERAN!



CATHOLIC EDUCATION~ CHILDREN'S REFLECTIONS

4H:

Being Catholic means we believe in Jesus and God. We try to follow in Jesus' footsteps and make good choices. We enjoy reading Gospel stories from the bible. We are lucky to have Father Peter to guide us.

3F:

Being Catholic means you believe in God, Jesus and Mary and you were baptised Catholic. We feel happy because we can learn more about God and Jesus. God can help us when we are sick or unhappy. We can pray.

2M:

I like coming to a Catholic school because we get to read the stories from the past and we get to have some peace by meditating. I like FLI because we get to share stories and we enjoy learning about Jesus and God. My favourite thing to do is go to the Church and have a special event to celebrate!

I like to be in a Catholic school because we learn about God and Jesus. We also pray and learn about peace so everyone stays happy.

2N

I love it here because we get to learn about Jesus and God, and Jesus and God help me to pray for people that are homeless, sad, have nothing and can't go anywhere. I also learn how to make people happy when they are sad and I learn how to care for everyone.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION~ CHILDREN'S REFLECTIONS

5 D:

We love being a part of Our Lady's School because it is a wonderful community where everybody cares for each other. We believe in God and we try to do what Jesus teaches us to do by showing good values to each other. It is a place of friendship, of different cultures and a place of happiness where we all feel safe and welcomed.

6A:

I am a Catholic. To me being a Catholic is to be a believer in God. Being a believer of God means to learn from God and follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. I think that being a Catholic means to love one another and to have faith in yourself, God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. I believe that if you are Catholic you must go out and spread the word of God and show through your actions that you follow and love our God. I also believe that you can say you're Catholic and say you love God but if you don't try to show that then what is the point of you being Catholic. To conclude this I believe that being a true Catholic means to not only believe in God but to also show it by your actions and words.

To me being Catholic means I am a follower of Jesus. I learn how to be grateful, kind, acknowledging, nice, teacher, friend and a good person. Throughout my life I have followed Jesus' footsteps through the dark times and light times. Being Catholic helps me understand other people from a different perspective. We learn from our mistakes and make better choices. Being Catholic is a privilege. Going to a Catholic school is a privilege. I learn and strive to be the best person I can be. I try many new things and see how I can make an impact on others around me. To be Catholic means I listen to the word of God. I preach the good word and speak out to what I truly believe. There is always an opportunity for me to make a difference and do the right thing. Going to a Catholic school means I learn more about God and Jesus. I learn different scriptures and quotes which inspire me to do the right thing. At school we live out values to be a good person. Each value retails what makes a good classroom. Being Catholic is an honor because I learn many new things and how to be the best person I can be.

I think it's pretty special to go to a Catholic school because even if you're not Catholic you're taught to love God and you are able to feel and have new experiences that you have never felt before: like going to Mass, knowing how to pray and knowing that God is always with you. I like and enjoy coming to a Catholic school because learning about Catholic traditions (like learning how to pray and how to make the sign of the cross) is fun!

Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani

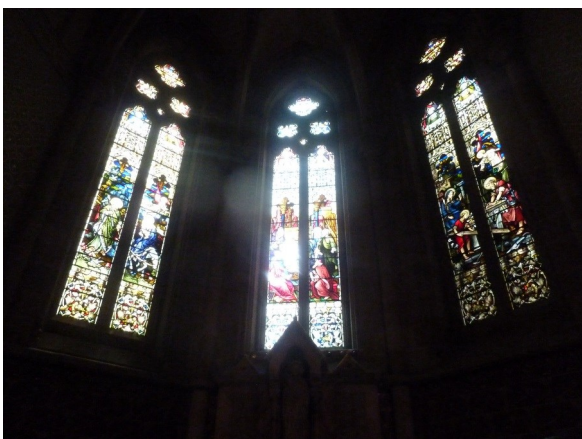
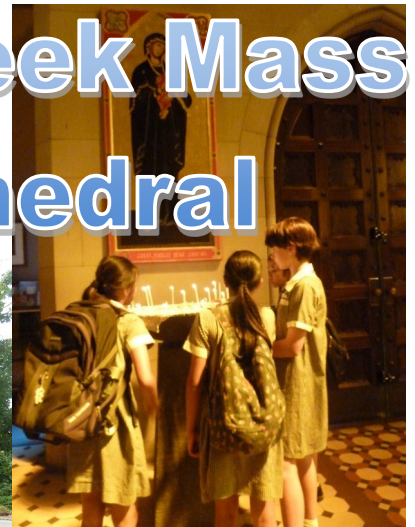
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Catholic Education Week Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral



OUR LADY'S PARISH EASTER TIMETABLE

Holy Thursday 29 March

Mass of the Lord's Supper 6.45pm English 8.30pm Vietnamese

Good Friday 30 March

Outdoor Stations of the Cross: 10.30am (walking to St Elias Church Hampshire Road)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm English 6.00pm Vietnamese

Holy Saturday 31 March:

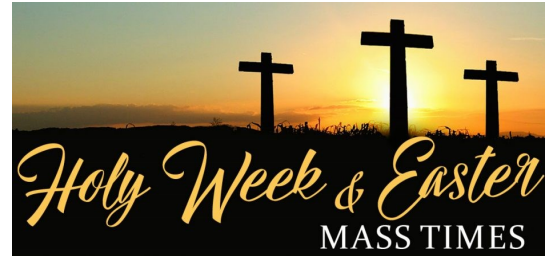
Reconciliation 9.30am

Easter Vigil 6.00pm

Easter Vigil (Vietnamese) 8.30pm

Easter Sunday 1 April:

Mass 9.00am and 10.30am
12.30pm (Vietnamese)



SECOND HAND UNIFORM STALL

WHEN

**Wednesday, 28
March
3.00 – 3.30pm**

WHERE

**Near the
canteen**

OUR LADY'S SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

\$5

**GIRLS WINTER
TUNICS**

KNITTED JUMPERS

SCHOOL BAGS

**\$2 – all other uniform
items, including girls
summer dresses,
sports uniforms, boys
shirts and shorts**

The Parents & Friends Association will hold its regular Second Hand Uniform Stall next Wednesday, 28 March at 3.00 pm near the school canteen.

This is a great opportunity to pick up good quality second hand uniforms for your children. School jumpers and girls winter tunics are \$5, everything else is only \$2.

Donations needed for School Garden.

This is a call out for donations to help our school garden to grow.

These are the kind of things needed:

Wooden or foam crates, PVC piping, wooden stakes, bamboo sticks, chicken wire, planks of wood, hessian (bags and material), large plastic tubs, rocks (like scoria), plant boxes or pots, soil mix and anything else you may think is useful for a vegetable garden.

Please do not bring items into the school, email or send a photo so we can see if it can be used.

Contact: Joanne McManus (Sustainability Coordinator)

On: jmcmanus@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au



Year 6 Environment Committee with some tomatoes from the Garden.

We are preparing the garden for planting in Term 2.





This year the Parent's & Friend's Committee will be running a fundraising Easter Raffle.



Tickets will be \$1 each and will be available for sale via the Qkr! App between Friday 9 March – Tuesday 27 March.

The raffle will be drawn on the last day of Term 1 – Thursday 29 March.

To make our wonderful prizes we would really appreciate some donations to put in our Easter Hampers eg. Easter eggs, books, toys etc.

All donations can be left at the office.



SUNSHINE BULLS



U12 BOYS BASKETBALL TRAINING

THURSDAY 22ND MARCH 5:00PM - 6:00PM

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY
NICHOLSON STREET CAMPUS, FOOTSCRAY
ENTER FROM ALBERT STREET

DON'T FORGET TO BRING A BALL & DRINK BOTTLE!

Any questions, contact Ray 0405 799 765 or Brenny 0468 926 588

ENROLMENTS OPEN

REMINDER

Reminder to all families that Foundation 2019
Enrolments are NOW OPEN.

Please come into the Office and pick up your
enrolment folder.

**All 2019 Enrolment Application Forms
and documentation need to be back at
the Office before THURSDAY 29 MARCH
(last day of term) as
appointment times start 18 April (first
week back after the holidays).**

ENROLMENTS OPEN



The school holidays are fast approaching - are you ready? We are! We will have heaps of activities, with something for every child.

Feature theme days these school holidays include:

Home Tweet Home

It'll be a hoot when we build our very own bird mobiles, feeders or houses.

Gearing up For The Games

Design and decorate your own sports jersey and get ready to wear it for the any sporting occasion.

Games On!

Are you ready for a day full of exciting games that put your skills to the test? We are!

Plate Creations

We're opening our minds and getting creative by painting our own magnificent mindfulness plates.

Book Into A Holiday Club Program

To discover more about a Holiday Club program at a school near you and to book visit:

www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclub

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon.

From the Team at Camp Australia.



insights

Not in front of the children!

by Michael Grose



The things parents say in front of their children have wide-ranging effects on their learning, confidence and behaviour.

Ever said something about another person in front of your children, only to hear one of the kids repeat those words in public when the subject of your comments is around? Yes, children's blatant honesty can embarrass the hell out of their parents. We need to be mindful of what we say in front of our children.

But being embarrassed by our children is only half the communication story. As celebrated US psychologist Martin Seligman found in his ground-breaking research about optimism, children usually reflect the explanatory style of their primary parent by the age of eight. So, for instance, if a parent is a raging pessimist there's every chance that their kids will pick up and convey the same 'woe is me' way of viewing the world from an early age. As parents, this means we need to be really mindful of how we present the world to our kids.



Kids take their cues from parents as trusted adults

But it's not just with optimism or pessimism that we need to be careful about our messaging. Kids take their cues from their parents as they work out how to behave and belong in all sorts of ways. Tell a child he has a learning difficulty and he'll believe it. Tell a child she has a behaviour problem and she will believe that. Tell them they are no good at maths and the message will more than likely stick. And why not? Children look at parents as wise, trusted adults who know a thing or two about the world. Even adolescents, who are renowned for wanting to challenge the authority and world view of their parents, still use their parents as significant reference points.

Parents who talk down other people – including teachers, friends and family members – in the vicinity of their children are teaching those kids to devalue those same people. Even when we vent about someone else out of sheer frustration we are shaping our children's views about those people.

For all these reasons, as parents we need to be so careful about the messages we give out.

‘I don’t have to do that work’

Recently I heard how a thirteen-year-old girl refused point blank to work for a teacher as her mother had said that the teacher’s expectations were unreasonable. Miss 13 cited her mother’s views when she refused to get to work saying, “My mum says I’ve got a problem with learning. She says you need to take it easy on me but you don’t. I don’t have to do your work!”

This type of entrenched view is very difficult for a teacher to encounter without ridiculing the parents and the young person. However stories like this are more common than most people think. They reinforce the notion that parents need to be mindful of what they say in front of their children, whether that be about the child’s abilities, their teachers or anyone else.

Negative views can easily shut down kids’ learning. Some children are quicker than others to latch on to even a skerrick of their parents’ negativity as an excuse either not to work or to lower the expectations of others.

Sometimes it best to say nothing at all

As adults we have all sorts of opinions that don’t necessarily need to be shared with our kids. We may hold strong political views for example, but if young people are to formulate their own opinions then it may wise to curb our opinions when they are around.

Similarly, it may be smart to keep mum if our views about religion, sexuality and ethnicity are intolerant or don’t follow the mainstream. That’s not to say we don’t discuss these issues at home. Children and parents in healthy families are able to discuss all manner of issues, with even extreme views tolerated and challenged rather than mindlessly expressed and held as if they are the only possible truth.



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. A trailblazer in the parenting and educational scenes Michael regularly appears in the media throughout Australia in programs including The Project, The Today Show and ABC radio.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year B

A crowd of people came to see Jesus as he entered Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. Draw yourself amongst a crowd of people waving palm fronds at Jesus.



Gospel

Mk 11: 1-10

When they were approaching Jerusalem, in sight of Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go off to the village facing you, and as soon as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, "What are you doing?" say, "The Master needs it and will send it back here directly."' They went off and found a colt tethered near a door in the open street. As they untied it, some men standing there said, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' They gave the answer Jesus had told them, and the men let them go. Then they took the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, others greenery which they had cut in the fields. And those who went in front and those who followed were all shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

Draw or write what happened on each of these special days during Holy Week.



Holy Thursday



Good Friday