



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

24 November 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
School Phone: 9312 2230
School website: www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

"When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy" Matthew 2:9-10



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Fri 25 Nov

Last day of Swimming

Mon 28 Nov

Gr 3 Excursion to Shrine & Botanic Gardens

Tues 29 Nov

Second Hand Uniform Sale 3.00pm near Canteen
Yr 1 Italian excursion to Marian College

Yr 2 Water Incursion

2017 Foundation Transition Session 3

Fri 2 Dec

Parish Movie

Sat Dec 3

P&F BBQ at Bunnings

Wed 7 Dec

Dinner in the Yard & Art Show 6.00-8.00pm

Thurs 8 Dec

Feast of Immaculate Conception

P&F Christmas Stall

Fri 9 Dec

Reports come home today

Mon 12 Dec

2017 Orientation 12.00-1.00pm
Gr 6 Graduation Mass (6.30pm) and Disco (7.30-8.30pm)

Wed 14 Dec

End of Year Mass 9.00am

Fri 16 Dec

End of Year Assembly 2.45pm
End of Term 4 for children at 3.15pm

2017

Tues 31 Jan

School starts for children for 2017



Dear Parents,

We are approaching the end of the school year, and also the end of the Church's liturgical year. Advent is almost upon us. The end of the year is a very busy time for us all, however Advent calls us to make time for quiet reflection and prayer, to open our heart and mind and spirit to the knowledge that God loves us and invites us to share that love with others. It is a time to reflect on how well we have responded to that invitation as individuals and as a community, and to renew our commitment to be God's love in the world.

One of the most popular symbols for Advent is the Advent wreath. The Advent wreath of evergreens decorated with candles was a symbol in northern Europe long before the arrival of Christianity. The circle symbolizes the love of God which has no beginning and no end while the evergreens and lighted candles signify the persistence of life in the midst of winter.

In Catholic churches, the most popular colours for the Advent candles are violet, and rose, corresponding with the colours of the liturgical vestments for the Sundays of Advent.

Begins Sunday November 27

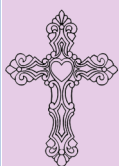


Ends Saturday December 24

School Times in 2017

Will remain the same as in previous years. School gates open at 8:20am and school begins at 8:45am.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday school finishes at 3:15pm. Wednesdays only school finishes at 3:00pm



Advent Prayer

Prayer as we light the first purple Advent Candle - the Candle of Hope

Jesus, you are light even in the darkest places. Help us to trust in you when we are lost or lonely. Shine hope into our hearts we pray. Lord of all, remind us of the things that are truly important. Come to this world, come to us, come to all people and bring the joy and justice that few expect but all need. Amen.



2017 SCHOOL YEAR

**All students begin on
Tuesday 31 January**

A HUGE THANK YOU

TO ALL PARENTS WHO HELPED OUT WITH THE SWIMMING PROGRAM



**We could not have run the program without your help and commitment.
The swimming program is a great example of the parents and school working together in order to
provide the best learning opportunities for the children.**

PREPARATIONS FOR 2017

As we are beginning our preparations for 2017, we ask that parents let us know as soon as possible if their children are not returning to Our Lady's next year. We have had many inquiries about places for 2017 and we need to let these parents know if there are places for their children. We currently have a waiting list for Prep and several of the other year levels are full, with enrolment enquiries coming in. **If your child is not returning in 2017 (apart from our current year 6 children) please complete the form below and return it to the office. It is vital that you return this form as soon as possible.**

Thank you.

Children NOT returning to Our Lady's School in 2017

Family Name: _____

Child/children's names

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| 1. _____ | Grade: _____ |
| 2. _____ | Grade: _____ |
| 3. _____ | Grade: _____ |
| 4. _____ | Grade: _____ |

Suburb we are moving to: _____

Name of our new school: _____

Signed: _____ **(Parent)**

Please return this form to the office as soon as possible

Parent Advisory Board Information

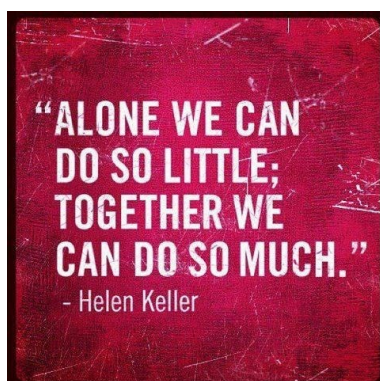
The Parent Advisory Board is open to all parents and carers to join. The School Advisory Board members are representatives of all parents and families in Our Lady's School Community. They support the principal and the school in matters to do with school organisation and curriculum. They come together to share their wisdom, ideas and those of the wider parent community. If you wish to join the School Advisory Board in 2017 we welcome you to come to the meetings and share your ideas.

Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani
Principal

principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au



Parents Advisory Board 2017
Meetings will begin at 7pm and
the dates are as follows:

February 15
March 15 AGM
June 21
September 13
November 15

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	After School Care Activities	Afternoon Tea
Monday Staff: Michelle, Chelsea	Inside: Make a Passport Outside: Ball Games	Seasonal Fruit and Veggies Noodles
Tuesday Staff: Michelle, Lucette & Myrna	Inside: Family Certificates Outside: Fruit Salad Home-work + Readers	Seasonal Fruit and Veggies Chocolate Cake
Wednesday Staff: Michelle, Myrna & Hang	Inside: Triple Stars Outside: Ball Games	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Chocolate Chip Cookies
Thursday Staff: Michelle, Chelsea & Myrna	Inside: Thanksgiving Activities Outside: Free play Homework + Readers	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Dip and Crackers
Friday Staff: Michelle, Marlene & Hang	Children's Choice: Games, Activities Inside & Out. Cook-ing with Marlene	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Sandwiches

A variety of seasonal fruit and vegetables are always offered to children for afternoon snack! A variety of arts, crafts, board games, construction, recreational activities, sensory and imaginary play opportunities are available every day for children to choose. **Homework & Home Readers Time** – Our YMCA staff are there to encourage home readers and homework and most days we set aside a time to encourage this!

If you or someone else is picking up your child (children) early from school and they are not attending the after school care, please let OSHC Team know. Please remember children need to bring their school hat (Broadbrim or Legionaries Hat) from 1st September to 1st May and sun-screen will need to be applied when playing outside.

Bookings and Cancellations: It is important to book your child's place so we can plan and expect their arrival at Before and After School Care. To ensure the safety of your child please notify us of any absences or additional days of care **via the My Family Lounge Portal** <http://www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au/enrol/my-family-lounge-sign-in.html> As a reminder please note that the cancellation period of 7 days notice applies for all Before and After School Care bookings. For additional information on our program please visit <http://www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au/school-care/our-locations/our-ladys-ps.html> **Thank You, Michelle and Our Lady's OSHC Team**

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Second Hand Uniform Sale –Tuesday 29 November

There will be a second hand uniform sale straight after school on Tuesday 29 November. This is a great time to grab a bargain for next year. 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 to arrange drop off.



Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser, Saturday 3 December

The Parents & Friends are having a fundraiser sausage sizzle at Bunnings Sunshine, Ballarat Rd on Saturday December 3rd. We still need one more helper for the 2pm to close time slot. If you are able to help out, please email the P&F committee (parents@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au). No experience is necessary.

If anyone has any contacts that could help with the purchase of sausages, bread, onions, condiments (sauce, mustard) or soft drinks, they would be greatly appreciated. Alternatively, any donated gift certificates from Coles or Woolworths to purchase these items would gratefully accepted.

You can also show your support by coming on the day and buying a sausage!



Pop-Up Christmas Stall - Thursday 8 December

The Parents & Friends will be holding a Christmas stall on Thursday 8 December during snack time. Children will be able to purchase special gifts for their wonderful Mums, Dads, Aunties, Uncles, Grandparents and Carers.

Prices range from 50c to \$5. Please send along money on the day (no more than \$10).

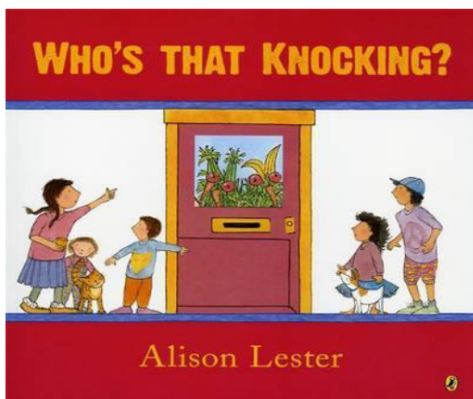
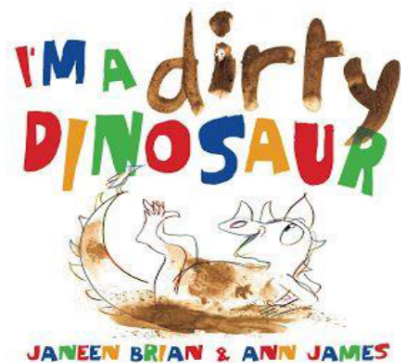
Helpers are needed to set up and run the stall from 10.30am. You must have a Working With Children Check, and wear it on the day. If you can assist, please email us at parents@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au.



Story Time

Parents and children are welcome to come and join us for an interactive story time session, featuring some of our favourite authors

I'm A Dirty Dinosaur
by Janeen Brian and Ann James



Who's That Knocking?
by Alison Lester

When: Thursday 8th December 10.30am – 11.30am
Where: **commUnity+ Hub** 822 Ballarat Road Deer Park
Cost: Free
Facilitator: Bernadette Joiner

Bernadette Joiner, is a school teacher and current owner of Dromkeen Homestead in Riddells Creek, will be facilitating the story time. Children will engage with the books via guessing, movement and acting out. Parents will be educated on how they can engage their children in stories.

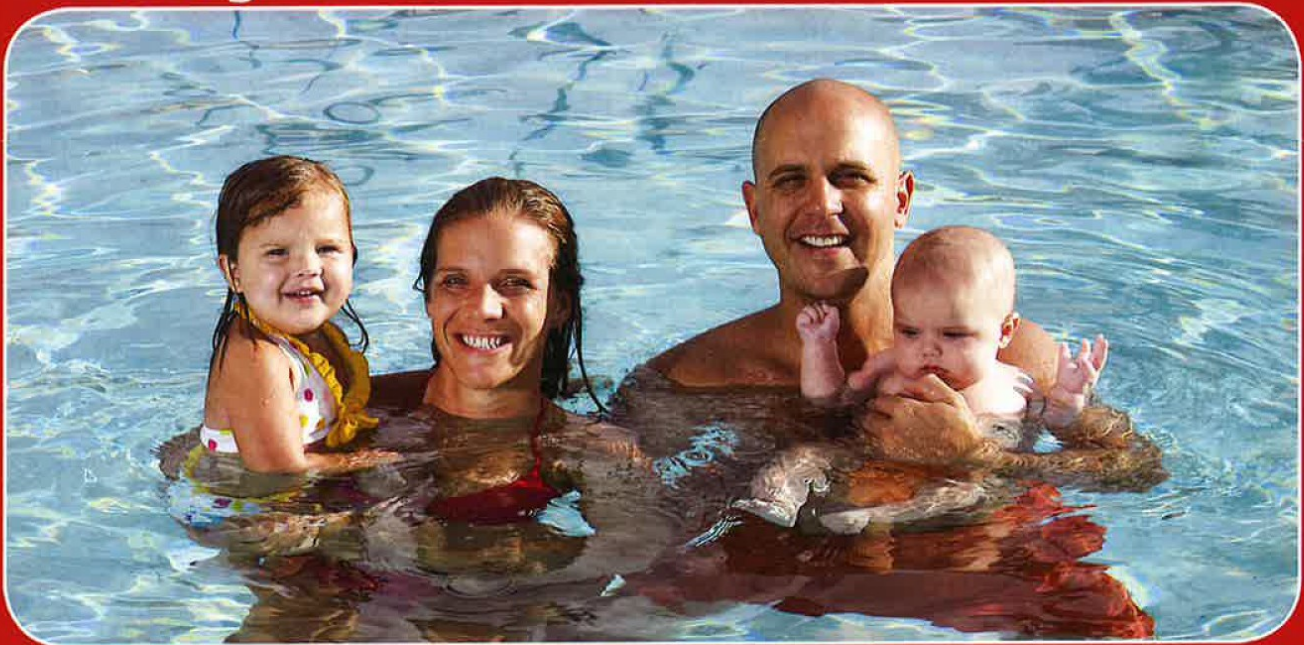
Bookings Essential:

contact Michelle on 7379 0124 or mburke@comm-unityplus.org.au

Brimbank Leisure Centres Christmas Pool Party

Friday 16 December.

- No charge entry
- 3-7pm
- Santa visit
- DJ
- Inflatable
- Sausage sizzle



Sunshine Leisure Centre (SLC)

5 Kennedy St,
Sunshine 3020
9249 4615
info@brimbank.vic.gov.au

St Albans Leisure Centre (SALC)

90 Taylors Rd,
Keilor Downs 3038
9249 4635
info@brimbank.vic.gov.au



Stay Awake! Be Ready!

First Sunday of Advent, Year A

Gospel

Mt 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

During the season of Advent we prepare for the arrival of Jesus. What are three things you can do to be ready for Jesus during this first week of Advent?

Help Noah and the animals find their way onto the ark so they can be ready for the flood when it comes.

