



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 25 November 2022 www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

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
School Phone: 9312 2230
School website: www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au
Our Lady's is a Child Safe School

But test everything; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Fri 25 Nov

P&F 80s Disco Night 7.30pm
Sunshine YCW Cricket Club

Tues 29 Nov

Year 7 2023 CCCC Transition
9.00-1.00

Thurs 1 Dec

2023 Foundation Transition 2.00
-3.00pm

Thurs 8 Dec

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

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3.00pm Second Hand Uniform Sale

Fri 9 Dec

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Mon 12 Dec

Years 1-6 2023 Orientation
11.30am-1.00pm

Tues 13 Dec

Government Secondary Orientation

Dinner in the Yard with DJ, Art Show 6.00 - 8.00pm

Parent Teacher Interviews by request

Wed 14 Dec

Year 6 Graduation: Mass
6.00pm. Disco 7.15-8.15pm

Fri 16 Dec

11.30am End of Year Mass
2.30pm End of Year Assembly
3.15pm End of 2022 for students

Mon 19-Tues 20 Dec

Professional Learning Days -
Handover Days for Staff.

NO ASSEMBLY

Friday 18 &

Friday 25 November
due to Swimming

Dear Parents,

This week we have carried out extensive plumbing work around the Foundation, Year 1 and 2 Rooms. As many of you know we have had problems with water gathering around the garden area in front of these classes when we have heavy rain-falls. At times we have had some classes (2M and 2N) flood, although this year the sandbags have managed to keep the water out. We hope that the extra down-pipes that have been installed and the work done to clear the drains will ensure that when we have heavy rains the water will drain away.

Woo hoo!
Well done
Hooray!

A HUGE Congratulations to our Year Six Students

*For successfully obtaining a grant of \$9250 from
Brimbank Council which will fund next year's Year
Six Leadership Conference.*

When the Year 6 students applied for the grant they knew that it was not for their own direct benefit but for the benefit of next year's Year 6 students. This selfless act of service for other students is another demonstration of the wonderful leadership that they have demonstrated throughout 2022. We have been blessed to have such great role models for other students to learn from.



Parish Feast Day Celebration - Saturday 10 December

***6.00pm - Parish Mass** with participation from multicultural groups
Followed by a shared **Dinner and BBQ** in school grounds.
This will be an opportunity for fellowship with parishioners from the diverse cultural groups that make up Our Lady's parish.
**This will replace the 5.30pm Vigil Mass and the 7.00pm Vietnamese Vigil Mass for this day only.*

Advent Prayer

Advent is a time to get ready to celebrate Christmas. It is a special season to show care to others.

Dear Jesus, it is the season of Advent and we are full of hope.

We are getting ready in our hearts and in our lives to celebrate your birthday at Christmas.

Help us live in your love and share that love with others in your name during the holy season.

May we remember all that this time should be as we wait in joyful hope.

Amen



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Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani

Principal

principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

1L: Sophie N

2N: Mika P

3E: Stephanie D

4G: Bailey H, Tracey L, Holly B

5C: Chelsi L

5D: Jonti M



Last day of swimming for 2022!



Thank you to all the Our Lady's School students for your excellent behaviour throughout the swimming program.

The teachers and myself are very proud of you.

You were polite and respectful and followed instructions throughout the 10 days of swimming.

A special thank you to the Year 6 students for the gentle way you cared for and supported your buddies in Foundation.

Second Hand Uniform Donations & Sale

USED UNIFORM



The Parents and Friends are looking for any donations of second hand uniform for their upcoming Sale on 8 December.

You can bring any outgrown or unwanted uniform donations to the Office. Please make sure all the items are clean with no rips, faded logos or stains.

The Second Hand Uniform Sale will be held on Thursday 8 December from 3.00pm.

OUR LADY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS
TOY DRIVE
NOV 21ST - DEC 9TH
NEW TOYS ONLY!

ALL DONATIONS TO BE DROPPED OFF TO THE CLASSROOMS

- FJ- BOARDGAMES / PUZZLES
- FI- BOOKS / BOOKSETS
- IL- TEXTA'S / CRAYONS / PENCILS
- IK- BARBIE / KEN DOLLS
- 2M- HOTWHEELS / MATCHBOX CARS
- 2N- SKIPPING ROPES / GRIP BALLS / VORTEX
- 3E- PLAYDOUGH
- 3F- DOLLS / TEDDY BEARS
- 4G- CRAFT KITS
- 4H- ACTION HEROES
- 5C- BALLS
- 5D- PURSE / WALLETS / HATS
- 6B- TOILET BAG / TOILETRIES
- 6A- LUNCH BAG / DRINK BOTTLES

**ALL DONATIONS
WILL BE DISTRIBUTED
THROUGH
JOSEPH'S CORNER
&
ST VINCENTS DE PAUL**



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Keep reading
to win!
Winners
announced
in feb



beanstack



We are here



All **FREE** - No appointment needed

Level 3 former HSBC branch - Near Myer entrance, Comm Bank and Bus Interchange

PREPARATIONS FOR 2023

As we are beginning our preparations for 2023 we ask that parents let us know as soon as possible if their child/ren are not returning to Our Lady's next year. We have had many inquiries about places for 2023 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 2023 (NOT OUR CURRENT YR 6 STUDENTS) 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 2023

Family Name: _____

Child/children's names

1. _____ 2022 Grade: _____

2. _____ 2022 Grade: _____

3. _____ 2022 Grade: _____

Name of our new school: _____

And / Or

Our new address: _____

Signed: _____ **(Parent)**

Please return this form to the office as soon as possible

INSIGHTS

Respond honestly to dishonesty



You enter the kitchen. Your child looks at you like she's hiding something. You see cake crumbs on the bench and the tips of her fingers. 'Did you eat the chocolate cake?' Your child smiles at you, with chocolate stuck in her teeth, and innocently replies, 'No.'

You know your child is not telling the truth. The evidence is everywhere! So, what do you do?

Honesty is an essential value for children and young people to develop as it's central to building trust and community cohesion. Here are some simple, effective ways to encourage your child to be honest.

Remember, telling fibs is normal

Catching your child in a lie can be frustrating, but remembering that it's a normal part of growing up can help you keep calm. While there is a moral aspect to honesty, children in the early years of primary school tend to be very concrete thinkers, responding better to your immediate concerns such as 'I need to know you are telling the truth' instead of the moral aspects of right and wrong. For older primary aged children and teenagers, the broader issues of trust and morality are parts of the conversations you should have.

Don't ask questions if you know the answer

If your son is smeared in chocolate cake, don't say, 'Did you eat the chocolate cake?' Instead try, 'I can see you ate some chocolate cake. You must have been hungry huh?' Then pause and ask, 'Do you think I'm pleased or upset? Why? What should we do next time?' Use the awkward situation as an opportunity to find out more about what your child may need.

Show the truth

If you are a parent of a teenager, you know how easily parent-teen relationships can be harmed by accusations and criticism. If you think that a teenager may have misled you about an area of concern such as not being where they said they were, then it's probably wisest to bring your young person's attention to evidence of the truth rather than back them into a corner with an accusation. "You said you were at Jana's, but her mum said that Jana didn't have any visitors yesterday" is a statement of truth from your perspective that's invites a response from a young person.

Listen to their side

parenting*ideas

Things often aren't as they seem so if you think your child or young person is not being completely honest, be prepared to listen to their side of a story. This is not to suggest that you let them pull the proverbial wool over your eyes, but there are times when kids may believe they are telling the truth. Alternatively, they may have told a lie to keep themselves safe or to prevent them from following the crowd. Get your child talking, ascertain if they believe they are being truthful, and if they aren't, listen to why they bent the truth.

Let the consequences do the teaching

Acknowledge truthfulness when a child or young person owns up to doing the wrong thing. Help them fix the dishonesty and discuss how to do better in the future. Avoid punishment as this will cause more lying in the future. Allowing the consequences to do the work helps keep your relationship intact and ensures that lessons are experienced, and responsibility is taken.

Extract a simple promise

Studies show that children are less likely to be dishonest once they have promised to tell the truth. If they tell you the truth, and then you punish them severely, they will be less likely to tell the truth in the future, promise or not.

Model honesty

Many adults are guilty of social 'white' lies. Such 'little white lies' that conveniently bend the truth to your advantage are commonplace. Children and young people take their cues from parents, so these little white lies show them it's okay to bend the truth in certain circumstances. You don't get away with anything when you are parent – your behaviour is always on show so stick to the truth, even when it's difficult, if you want your kids to do the same

In closing

Honesty takes time and maturity to learn, especially in the face of the clearly tactical advantages of bending the truth. As parents, nurture honesty in kids by modelling, discussing its merits and acknowledging that it's not always easy to be honest. And maybe, avoid keeping the chocolate cake on the kitchen table.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's an award-winning speaker and the author of 12 books for parents including *Spoonfed Generation*, and the bestselling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*. Michael is a former teacher with 15 years experience, and has 30 years experience in parenting education. He also holds a Master of Educational Studies from Monash University specialising in parenting education.



Stay Awake! Be Ready!

First Sunday of Advent, Year A

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?

Gospel

Matthew 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.'

Try to decipher this teaching that Jesus gave to his disciples. Draw yourself listening to Jesus.



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