



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

1 September 2016

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Principal: Ms. Patrizia Bertani
Parish Mass Times: Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 9:00am, 10:30am & 5:30pm
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'Do the last will be first, and the first will be last' Matthew 20:1-16



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Fri 2 Sept

Father's Day Assembly at 2.30pm

Fri 9 Sept

Parish Movie

Tues 13 Sept

Second Hand Uniform Sale 3.00pm near the Canteen

Wed 14 Sept

Assembly on today at 2.30pm

Parent and Student Health sessions (grades 5-6 only) 7.00-8.15pm in Auditorium

Fri 16 Sept

SHOW DAY End of Term 3 at 3.15pm. Casual Day.

NO ASSEMBLY TODAY

Mon 3 Oct

Professional Learning Day for Staff - **No school for the children**

Tues 4 Oct

Start of Term 4 at 8.45am

Fri Oct 14

Parish Movie

Sat 22 Oct

Shopping Tour

Mon 31 Oct

Professional Learning Day for Staff (Report Writing) - **No School for the children**

Tues 1 Nov

Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

Fri 4 Nov

Parish Movie

Fri 2 Dec

Parish Movie

Sacraments

Wed 31 Aug

Parent Confirmation Meeting 7-8pm

Thurs 8 Sept

7.00pm First Reconciliation

Fri 11 Nov

7.00pm Confirmation

END OF YEAR

Wed 14 Dec

End of Year Mass

9.00am

End of Term 4 for children at 3.00pm



Dear Parents,

This Friday at 9 am Our Lady's School will be participating in the **Standing in Solidarity** National Day of Prayer and Action for Catholic schools. In National Child Protection Week (September 4-10) this will project a united Catholic voice expressing solidarity for people seeking asylum in Australia. To launch this week of prayer and action, Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum or CAPSA has invited schools in Melbourne to participate in a largescale Circle of Silence in the Melbourne CBD. We Instead will do this in our schoolyard this Friday at 9:00am. Each class will form a circle and we invite all parents to come and join in the Circle of Silence with their child's class.

The event will help promote the issues and be a symbolic gesture of solidarity to all those people seeking asylum, especially children currently experiencing injustice.

As Christians we are called to act and respond to social justice issues and this is one way that Our Lady's school can live out the scripture and be the voice of Christ in today's world. The Scriptures call us to offer hospitality to the stranger. Jesus and his family were once refugees, and we continue to see the face of Jesus in the millions of forcibly displaced people in the world today.

A quote from Pope Francis:

'Migrants and refugees are not pawns on the chessboard of humanity. They are children, women and men who leave or who are forced to leave their homes for various reasons, who share a legitimate desire for knowing and having, but above all for being more.'



Congratulations to all children who competed in the District Athletics at Newport Athletics track last week. Thank you to Ms Jo McManus and Ms Pina McDonald who accompanied the children. The teachers were very proud of all the children who competed with great sportsmanship and represented Our Lady's School so well.



Our Native Plants

Dear God, how great to see our Australian wattle trees with their yellow fluffy flowers in bloom, and the Australian waratahs with their big red flowers reaching up to the sun, native birds flying in and out of the bottlebrush, so many different plants and flowers, with their soft colours covering the ground.

Thank you, God, for our native plants. Help us to keep them safe, so that they will always bloom here in our Australian land.



Sunshine Community Raffle

Thanks to all for supporting the Sunshine Community Raffle. We raised \$1749.00 to go towards purchasing a defibrillator for our school.

The Raffle is being drawn on Sunday and we are crossing our fingers that somebody from Our Lady's wins a prize!

Sun Smart

A reminder that our SunSmart policy states that all children need to be wearing their school hats during peak sun protection times (September to April).

So starting next week, Our Lady's re-commences their *No School Hat, No Play* season. Dig out your School hat over the weekend ready to be SunSmart!



Show Day



Friday 16 September is the last day of Term 3 and Our Lady's Show Day! As part of the day we will have 2 circus performers roving around during our extended lunchtime (1.15-2.15pm). Amazing Hazel and Margherita Enchilada will be here to entertain and bring some fun to Show Day!

We will also have Animals 2 U visit us with different animals for the children to engage with, meet and pat. Each grade will 'visit' the animals during the day.



To add in to all the fun, all children can come to school in casual clothes on our Show Day Friday September 16.



LOST PROPERTY

We have a few school jumpers and TEN winter coats currently in Lost Property.

At the end of next week, all coats will be removed from Lost Property and donated to a charity.

Please come to the office and check if one may belong to you.

REMINDER: PLEASE NAME ALL JUMPERS, COATS, WINDCHEATERS AND DRINK BOTTLES SO IF THEY ARE HANDED IN THEY CAN BE RETURNED TO YOU!!

ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK OF TERM

In week 10 (last week of Term 3), our weekly Assembly will be on **WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER** at 2.30pm.

There will NOT be an Assembly on Friday September 16 (last day of term - Our Lady's Show Day).

Term 3 will finish on FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16 at 3.15pm.

Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani
Principal

principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

CAPSA

**CATHOLIC ALLIANCE FOR PEOPLE
SEEKING ASYLUM**

Join us Friday 2nd Sept

CIRCLE OF SILENCE

9:00 am in the school yard

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

Today we are gathering together to express our support and solidarity for refugees and people seeking asylum.

We are standing in silence to recognise the injustices faced by people caught up in Australia's immigration detention system.

WHAT DO WE WANT?

We believe people seeking asylum should be treated compassionately and humanely, as we would want to be treated.

We believe in a fast, efficient and fair process that enables people to rebuild their lives and thrive in the community.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Visit CAPSA.ORG.AU

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Our Lady's Artists at The Granary Cafe

DISTRICT ATHLETICS NEWS

On Friday the 26th of August 30 students from 3-6 went to compete at Newport Athletics Track at the Sunshine District Athletics. We had a very successful day with lots of our students getting 1sts, 2nds and 3rds in many events. Out of those 30 students, 13 have qualified to compete at the next level which is the Moonee Ponds, Maribyrnong and Keilor Divisions Athletics. This will be held on Tuesday the 6th of September at Keilor Athletics Track.

Here are the 13 students:

Will D (3 events)

Garang N (2 events)

Angus K (1 event)

Lucas H (1 event)

Alex A (1 event)

Ruby P (1 event)

Breanna H (1 event)

Joel G (1 event)

Reece F (1 event)

Bianca C (3 events)

Remi B (2 events)

Lina N (2 events)

Doi Za P (2 events)

Makayla H (1 event)

Extra WELL DONE to Ella D and Josh D (both in Grade 3) who competed and qualified for the next round but who are actually *too young* to compete at the next level!

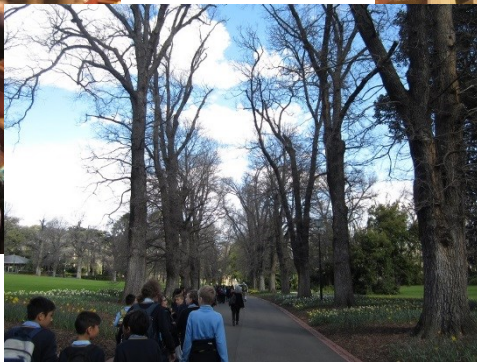
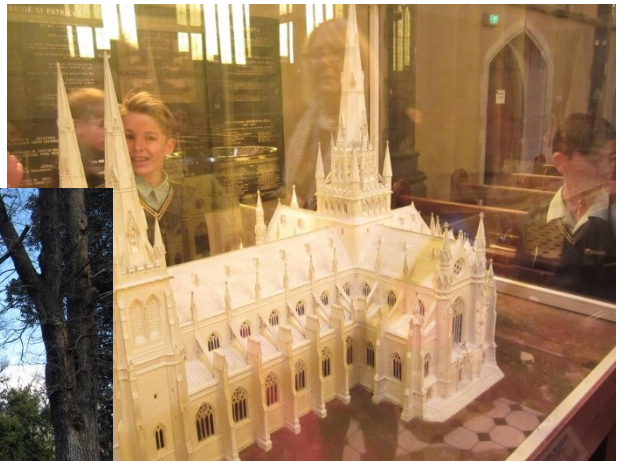
Congratulations to ALL the students that competed and tried their very best whilst representing Our Lady's!
Miss McManus

PE Teacher



Father's Day Stall





Grade 6 visits

Parliament & St Patrick's Cathedral



YMCA School Holiday Program

Forms available at the Office for all interested



School Holiday Program

SPRING 2016



ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Dizzy's Castle & Laser Tag
- Movie Mayhem
- Lizzy's Lizards

**BOOKINGS
NOW OPEN!**



RecWest
Footscray

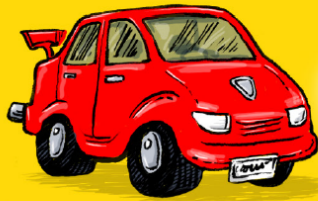
Open 7:00am - 6:00pm

📍 Cnr Market & Essex Streets, West Footscray

☎ (03) 8371 0500 (bookings and accounts)
0459 988 308 (during school holidays)

🖱 www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au

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Love God more than
your own life



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Jesus tells us that choosing his way is not always easy.
When might it be hard to do what Jesus asks us?



Gospel

Lk 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.'

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'



What are some good
choices you can
make this week?
Tick the good
choices and cross
the bad ones.

HELP AROUND THE HOUSE WITHOUT
BEING ASKED TO

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DON'T WORRY ABOUT SAYING MY
EVENING PRAYERS

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CONTRIBUTE TO THE OFFERTORY PLATE

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MAKE FRIENDS WITH SOMEONE NEW

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MAKE FUN OF THE TEACHERS

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OWN UP TO MAKING
A BAD DECISION

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TURN OFF THE T.V.
AND READ A BOOK

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STOP DOING YOUR HOMEWORK AND
GO OUTSIDE TO PLAY

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DO SOMETHING NICE
FOR YOUR PARENTS

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