



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

7 September 2017

www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

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

"Everything they owned was held in common." Acts 4:32

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Fri 8th Sept

Professional Learning Day:
Religious Education—NO
school for students

Mon 11 Sept

Grade 1 Como House & Foundation Fairy Park Excursion

Tues 12 Sept

Year 6 Leadership Day

Wed 13 Sept

PAB Meeting

Thurs 14 Sept

Year 6 Parliament House Excursion

Reconciliation for Grade 3
7.00pm

Fri 15 Sept

Parish Movie

Thurs 21 Sept

Susan McLean Cyber Safety Parent Workshop 7.00-8.30pm

Fri 22 Sept

Our Lady's Show Day - casual day for students
AOM Assembly
End of Term 3 at 3.15pm.

Mon 9 Oct

Start of Term 4 8.45am

Wed 11 Oct

P&F Meeting

Fri 13 Oct

Parish Movie

Tues 17 Oct

Parent Confirmation Night with Fr Elio Capra

SACRAMENTS 2017

Reconciliation (Year 3)
Thursday 14 September
Confirmation (Year 6)
Friday 17 November



Dear Parents,

Spring has sprung! It is wonderful to see that our trees in our new garden have started to blossom. Spring is always a lovely time of year, although you wouldn't think so with the freezing weather conditions we have had at the start of this week!

Welcome Back!

On Monday, we welcome Ms Bertani back from her Italian holiday! I am sure she will have many lovely and exciting memories to share about her long service holiday in Italy. It will be wonderful to have Ms Bertani back and I am sure she is looking forward to seeing you all again.

It has been a pleasure to be Acting Principal for an extended time over the past two months. We have many, many aspects to be so proud of at Our Lady's—one of them being the dynamic, welcoming community that we are.

Happy long service leave



I would like to thank Ms Geraldine Maguire who has been Acting Deputy Principal over the last eight weeks. I also take this opportunity to wish Ms Maguire the very best as she takes four weeks of long service leave. Ms Maguire will return in week 3 of next term. Ms Maguire, we wish you a wonderful extended rest!

School Parking

Thank-you to all the parents who have been adhering to the parking and drop off/pick up rules to ensure the safety of all our children. Please continue to follow these crucial rules. It is only by all of working together that we can keep our students safe at these times. The council intends to install 'counters' very soon to gain some data on how frequent Victoria and Ryder Streets are used. The installation of speed humps may be a possibility if the data brings back high readings.



SAVE THE DATE – Thursday 21st of September 7pm-8:30pm
Susan McLean Cyber Safety – Parent Information Session in the
Father John Maher Auditorium

<http://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au/>

Decisions Prayer

We pray about the choices we make. God knows our hearts.

God, caring Father and our Creator, we ask you to help us make good decisions in our lives. As we grow and face challenges, be with us in the choices we make. Help us to know that what we do affects our lives and the lives of others. Give us the courage and the strength to do what is right even when it is difficult. We ask this through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen



Zone Athletics Finals

On Tuesday, Ms McManus was able to take eight students to Keilor Park for the Zone Athletics Finals. Congratulations to the students who were in the finals.



Congratulations to Anthony, Mateja, Will, Josh, Ella, Garang, Ruby and Andy who represented Our Lady's so well. Extra congrats to Will, Josh and Ella who all brought home ribbons!



P & F Committee — Thank-you!

Thank-you once again to the P&F committee for all their work and organisation with the Father's Day Stall and Father's Day Raffle. Congratulations to the following students who were the winners of the Father's Day Raffle this year:

Eva in 1K

Cade in Foundation I

Calvin in 5C

The P & F committee are currently in the process of finalising all the show bag and pizza orders. Thank-you all for your contribution in making our upcoming Show Day a wonderful experience for all our students. Thank-you also for all families who have supported the P&F committee and ordered show bags and pizza for their child.



Professional Learning Day — tomorrow

A final reminder that tomorrow is a school closure day as the staff will be immersed in a Religious Education Professional Learning Day.

Unfortunately numbers dropped for the all day care that YMCA were providing. All families concerned were notified of the YMCA care being cancelled last week.

Reconciliation

Next Thursday some of our Year 3 students will be making their First Reconciliation for the first time. We have included all the students in this week's newsletter. Please keep all these students in your prayers.



Telstra Kids Fund - Seeking Telstra Employees

Currently Telstra are due to open the Telstra Kids school grants. Applicants must have a Telstra employee at school. If you know of any parents or you are an employee of Telstra, please contact the school office as we would really love to connect with you to apply for a grant.

A MESSAGE FROM
TELSTRA KIDS



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Carabott

Mrs Christine Carabott

Acting Principal

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Reconciliation Candidates 2017 Please pray for us



SUNSHINE COMMUNITY RAFFLE RESULTS

1st Place	Ticket number	6471
2nd Place	Ticket number	16053
3rd Place	Ticket number	5266

Thank you to everyone that purchased a ticket and helped us raise money for props and costumes for Dream a Little Dream!



EARN AND LEARN

Thank you to everyone that has handed in completed sticker forms or loose stickers - keep collecting, they can still be collected at Woolworths until Tuesday 19 September.

Extra sticker forms are available in the Office, or you can simply drop off your loose stickers into the Office.

OUR LADY'S P&F - HELP NEEDED FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Reconciliation party – Monday 18 September between 12pm and 1pm

We need parent helpers to serve food and pack up afterwards. Please join us in the school kitchen for this special celebration.



Second hand uniform sale – Tuesday 19 September from 3pm

We need your assistance to sell second hand uniform items after school. Please meet Sue near the canteen. Also if you have any items in good, clean condition that you would like to donate please let us know.

Show day – Friday 22 September (help needed throughout the day)

Helpers needed to sort show bags from 9am and pizza from 12.30pm. Please let the committee know if you can assist.

Please remember to come into the Office and sign in with your WWCC before you go to help the P&F with any events.

Digital Technology

This week, classes have had a Digital Technology session with two Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM) consultants, focusing on unplugged learning.



YMCA CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS OSHC PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE



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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.childrensprogram.ymca.org.au

Week 9 Monday September 11

DAY	After School Care Activities	Afternoon Tea
Monday Staff: Brad, Hang	Inside: Design Your Own Fish Outside: Playground and Hopscotch	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Variety of Biscuits
Tuesday Staff: Brad, Lucette, Hang	Inside: Diffusion Art Outside: Playground and Group Games	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Jaffles
Wednesday Staff: Brad, Hang, Chelsea	Inside: Science Experiments Outside: Playground and AFL	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Crackers, Dip and Celery
Thursday Staff: Brad, Hang, Jennie	Inside: Make and Create Outside: Playground and Soccer Homework + Readers	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Garlic Bread
Friday Staff: Brad and Jennie	Children's Choice: Games, Activities Inside & Out. Cooking Chocolate Crackles with Jennie	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Cheese and Crackers

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 Hat, Bucket Hat or Legionaries Hat) from 1st September to 1st May and sunscreen 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 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 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>

There may be certain circumstances where children receive gifts or prizes throughout the year as part of our advertised programs. These occasions would be advertised on our program planners to provide parents/guardians with prior notification. Occasions where children may receive gifts/prizes as advertised are as follows: last day of school terms, end of year celebrations, designated holiday program days, cultural and festive celebration days and during organised program competitions. **Thank You, Brad and Our Lady's OSHC Team**

School Holiday Program
SPRING 2017

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT:
CHILDRENSPROGRAMS.YMCA.ORG.AU

We are a government approved service which means you can save on fees if you're eligible for OSHC/CCAT entitlements.

RecWest Footscray
Maribyrnong
Open 7:00am - 6:00pm

Onr Market & Essex Streets, West Footscray
 (03) 8371 0500 (bookings and accounts)
 0459 988 308 (during school holidays)
footscrayoshc@ymca.org.au

Our holiday programs are full of stimulating and engaging activities for children aged between 5 and 12 years. This includes spontaneous and planned activities based on children's interests and abilities.

Children can enjoy the main activities for the day, and are also offered other activities such as:

- Art & craft
- Music & movement Area
- Puzzle/board games
- Outdoor/sports area
- Book/quiet corner
- Science, nature & sensory activities

Week 1

MONDAY 25th SEPTEMBER
Houray for Holidays! — \$70

Holidays are about having as much fun as you can.

- Play badminton, table tennis and Wii games.
- Watch a DVD and eat popcorn.
- Play music, dance and dress ups.
- Come dressed in your favourite outfit ready for fun!

TUESDAY 26th SEPTEMBER
Footy Fever — \$75

Take a mark, learn some new kicking and handballing techniques with experienced footy coaches!

- Make a banner for your footy team.
- Create your own super footy team, choose your favourite players.
- Face Painting, footy colour stripes.
- Wear your footy colours.

WEDNESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER
Dizzy Castle Laser Tag — \$85

Dizzy Castle Laser Tag Arena, has a large playground with slide, ball pits, balancing ropes and obstacle course.

- Play on the trampolines and explore the maze.
- Play Laser Tag and sing & dance in the disco room.

Bus departure 10:15am

THURSDAY 28th SEPTEMBER
Tabloid Sports — \$70

Tabloid sports and balancing activities. From classic egg and spoon, sack races. Challenge yourself and friends with skipping and hula hoops. Chalk drawing and scratch art, colourful designs to choose from. Green hat planks and lego constructions.

FRIDAY 29th SEPTEMBER
Public Holiday — No program

Week 2

MONDAY 2nd OCTOBER
Paper Perfect — \$70

- Try your hand at decorating picture frames, making a mosaic placemat and origami to take home.
- Make blocks and lego constructions.
- Also not to be missed is number soccer and group games!

TUESDAY 3rd OCTOBER
Sandcastle Day! — \$70

Today is about SAND!

- Create your own sand masterpieces by selecting a design frame and the coloured sand you like best.
- Game of tag football.
- Try your skills at pick up sticks and memory games.
- Prepare iced biscuits for afternoon snack.

WEDNESDAY 4th OCTOBER
Movies at Sun Theatre — \$85

- Bus ride to Sun Theatre to watch a G rated movie.
- Back at HQ: Children's Choice of ball games, music and dress ups.
- Play with blocks, board and card games and try our Wii games.

Bus departure 9:45am

THURSDAY 5th OCTOBER
Lizzy Lizards — \$75

Lizzy's Lizard is educational and fun, providing lots of supervised hands on experiences.

- There will be python snakes, frogs, turtles and dragon lizards.
- Also we will be making curly snakes, jumping frogs, turtles and lizards.
- Prepare French toast to eat.
- Play basketball and soccer.

FRIDAY 6th OCTOBER
Last Day Fun! — \$70

You're invited to our party so come & join the fun!

- Play musical games, pin the tail on the donkey.
- Cook Cup Cakes and ice them for our party.
- Have great music and some creative dance moves.
- Bring a plate of NUT FREE party food to share if you would like.

BOOKINGS & FEES

- All bookings are subject to availability.
- Bookings are made via the casual booking calendar.
- Bookings will not be accepted on the day unless places, adequate staffing and resources are available.
- Additional permissions are required for excursions.
- Cancellations must be received in writing seven (7) days before the last day of school term.
- A late fee of \$2 per minute applies when a child is picked up after 6:00pm.
- For more help with booking our program visit www.childrensprogram.ymca.org.au

GENERAL INFORMATION

WHAT TO BRING:

- Lunch & snacks (NUT FREE) Please ensure enough for morning & afternoon tea
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen hat
- Weather appropriate clothing and shoes

ADDITIONAL NEEDS:
Children with additional needs are welcome to attend our program. Families must contact the OSHC Coordinator at least four weeks prior to the holiday program to discuss the individual needs of your child and complete any funding applications.

Headquarters
 Incursion
 Excursion

Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS

Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Teach children to persist

Parents can promote persistence by encouraging their children to keep going and not give in at the slightest hurdle or difficulty.

"Persistence and patience have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish." John Quincy Adams

The ability to persist at a task and see it through to the end is one of the most important success attributes that you can develop in a child.

There are numerous times every day when children must persist rather than give in. A young child learning to tie shoelaces must persist. A primary aged student must show determination to finish tasks and a secondary student needs to work through difficulties, particularly those he doesn't understand or complete right away.

They need to be able to persist when work gets hard or life gets tough. They need the 'stickability' to work through difficulties and hang in there when things don't go their way.

Some children are more naturally predisposed to persist than others. They have a determined, even competitive streak in their temperament that doesn't allow them to give in. These children and young people can drive themselves very hard to succeed.

The results of the Australian Temperament Project show that persistence is the one temperamental

factor that can be improved over time. Parents and teachers can develop persistence in children and also impede its development by making life too easy for children so that they don't have opportunities to persist or hang in there.

Parents can promote persistence by encouraging their children to keep going and not give in at the slightest hurdle or difficulty.

Parents can be a sounding board for children's gripes but they should show confidence in their ability to cope and get through their difficulties. "You can do it" is far more powerful in terms of promoting an attitude of persistence than "If it is a little too hard then try something else."

Let children know that there is a correlation between effort and success. In fact, they need to learn that by GIVING EFFORT they will more than likely experience more success. The ability to persist in the face of difficulties maybe an old-fashioned quality but it is one of the best success attributes that children will ever develop.

Here are four practical strategies you can use to promote a sense of persistence in your children:

1 Develop a vocabulary for persistence

Words like "Hang tough", "Work Hard" and "Hang in there" can become part of their every day vocabulary.

2 Point out to children when they stick at a task

Most parents know it pays off when they catch their children being good but it also pays off to catch them being persistent. The behaviours you focus on as parents expand so let them know when they have been persistent. Also remind them that persistence generally pays off.

3 Help children to remember

times when they experienced success by HANGING IN when they were younger. Let them know that persistence has paid off before and it will again.

4 Talk about HARD WORK with your children

They need to understand that to be successful they need to do things that are NOT fun or easy. While it would be good if all work and learning was fun, in reality, this is not always the case.

Michael Grose



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Talk to those who do wrong by you



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Gospel

Mt 18:15-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.'

Jesus wants us to be peacemakers

When someone does wrong things against me, I can be a peacemaker by...

When I do wrong things against someone, I can be a peacemaker by...



How did Jesus treat sinners?

Matthew was a tax collector and was disliked by many people. Jesus shared a meal with him and other sinners. Matthew became a disciple of Jesus. *Mt 9:9-13*

Draw Jesus sharing a meal with Matthew and his friends

A woman who had sinned was brought before Jesus. The pharisees wanted Jesus to condemn her, but instead Jesus forgave her sins. *Jn 8:2-11*

Write a short prayer asking God to forgive our sins

Dear Lord, _____

_____ Amen.

A rich man named Zaccheus climbed a tree to get a better view of Jesus. People became upset when Jesus decided to be a guest at Zaccheus' house, but Zaccheus was so happy he gave half his possessions to the poor. *Lk 19:1-10*

Draw Zaccheus in the sycamore tree