



## OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Fri 2 Dec**

Parish Movie

**Sat 2 Dec**

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 Mass at 9.00am in the Church-All welcome  
P&F Christmas Stall

**Fri 9 Dec**

2.30 Sports Assembly  
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)

**Tues 13 Dec**

Parent Teachers Interviews by request

**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 invite you all to join us for Mass at 9.00am on Thursday the 8th of December to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception*



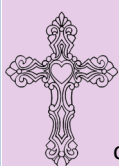
On Monday the 8th of December we will be celebrating the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception which is the name of our wonderful school and parish. This is a day of great significance to our school and parish. We celebrate Mary's life which was a life filled with grace and faith. From the very beginning of her life Mary was in a state of grace which means she was sharing in God's own life. Mary expressed her love for God by giving herself fully and completely to his service. Her life is an inspiration to us all and is a testament to the power of gentleness, love and faith.

The Parents and Friends Committee have organised a special treat for the children to help celebrate our Feast Day. Each child will receive a free tube each at lunchtime.

### *Happy Feast Day on Thursday 8th of December*

#### **Reports and Learning Journals**

Reports will be sent home in a sealed envelope on Friday 9 December together with your child's Learning Journal (Foundation, Years 1 and 2) or Digital Portfolio (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6). This is a very important time for your child as they bring their 2016 learning journey to a close. I hope you enjoy this opportunity to affirm your child's achievements by sitting down with your child and reading through the report together. The teachers are available to meet with you after school on Tuesday 13 December. If you wish to meet with your child's teacher, please make direct contact with the teacher to make an appointment.



#### PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

*On December 8 we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mary was without sin from the very beginning of her life.*

Dear heavenly Father, today we celebrate the holy day of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. You created Mary without sin from the very first moment of her life. Help us to be thankful for your blessings in our lives. Mary was your holy servant in all that she did. Help us to follow your word and live your will for us. You chose Mary for a special role as the Mother of Jesus. Help us to bring Christ to the world for those who do not know the good news. Lord, hear our prayer that we may follow the example of Mary in our lives each day. Amen



# Parent Voice in Action

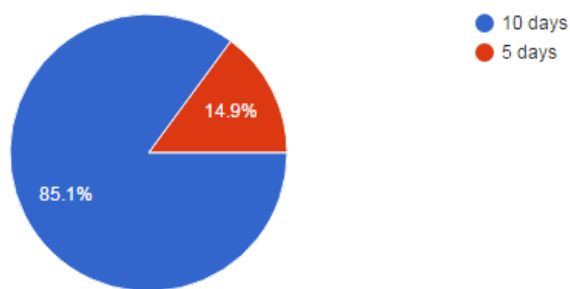
Thank you to all the parents who filled in the swimming survey on the Skoolbag app or from the classroom sites. We welcome your feedback and will use it to inform decisions made in relation to the 2017 swimming program.

Here are the results which show an overwhelming support for the swimming program to remain as it is. We did have three comments suggesting a staggered approach rather than the intensive consecutive ten day approach we have at the moment. We know children learn best when they can practice their skills on a daily basis rather than once a week where strategies and techniques can often be forgotten and then have to be re-taught. The intensive approach also assists children to build up their confidence in the water.

If you would still like to contribute to this survey you can find it on your Skoolbag app.

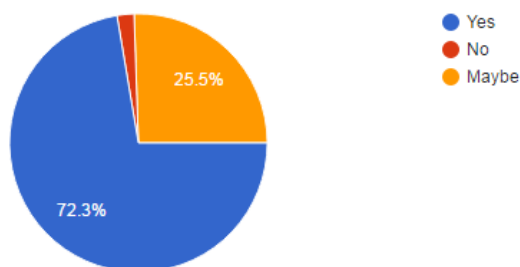
In 2017, would you like to see a ten day swimming program or a five day swimming program?

(47 responses)



Do you feel your child/children gained swimming techniques and knowledge throughout the ten day program?

(47 responses)



Yours sincerely,

*Patrizia Bertani*

**Ms Patrizia Bertani**

**Principal**

[principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au)

**BUNNINGS**  
warehouse

**Sausage sizzle fundraising**  
Join us on Saturday 3 December

We need helpers to set up, cook sausages, sell sausages and drinks, clean and pack up.

Times available:

- 8am to 10am (set up)
- 10am to 12pm
- 12pm to 2pm
- 2pm to close (pack up)

Please let the P&F Committee know if you can assist. No experience is necessary.

For more information contact us on [principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au)

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

See you at Sunshine Bunnings — Ballarat Road Sunshine.

## Our Lady's TECHNOLOGY update

At Our Lady's, we are always evaluating our devices and technology and looking for opportunities to upgrade and maximise the coverage and opportunities that we offer our students.

Recently, we purchased 30 Acer Chromebooks and a charging cabinet. A Chromebook is a small laptop, very lightweight and handy. It is essentially a Google product - meaning, that once the lid is opened it is ready to login to a Google account and access all the Google Apps. Currently the year 4-6 students are trialling the Chromebooks in their classrooms. The feedback has been very positive!

We are now looking at upgrading all our interactive projectors and boards, across the whole school. We have had fully integrated whiteboards in our rooms for over 13 years now! Our new devices and projectors will be installed very early in 2017 - we will keep you posted about this!

So, for those who like stats and numbers,  
the current technological device count for our school is:

100 x iPads  
72 x Computers  
130 x Laptops  
22 x Interactive Smartboards  
30 x Chromebooks



## LIONS CLUB OF SUNSHINE



Christmas Tree sales at Bunnings Sunshine on December 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18 between 8.00am and 2.00pm, cost of \$60.00each.



Christmas Cake Sales - Small \$12, Large \$16. Available at the School Office

For further cake orders please contact Mike Hereward on 9312 5061, Chris Detlefsen on 9311 3946 or Frank Dri on 0438117810



## P&F NEWS

### Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser, THIS SATURDAY 3 December

The Parents & Friends are having a fundraiser sausage sizzle at Bunnings Sunshine, Ballarat Rd this Saturday December 3rd between 10am and 4pm.

Please come show your support by 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 bring it along on the day.

If you can assist, please email us at [parents@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au](mailto:parents@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au).

P&F Committee

# 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](mailto:ourladysoshc@ymca.org.au)  
For any **Account Information** please call our office on: **8371 0500**  
[www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au](http://www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au)

DAY	After School Care Activities	Afternoon Tea
<b>Monday</b> Staff: Michelle, Chelsea	<b>Inside:</b> Streamer Rainbows <b>Outside:</b> Octopus	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Rice Crackers
<b>Tuesday</b> Staff: Michelle, Lucette & Myrna	<b>Inside:</b> Giraffe Hand Painting <b>Outside:</b> Free Play <b>Homework &amp; Readers.</b>	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Banana Bread
<b>Wednesday</b> Staff: Michelle, Myrna & Hang	<b>Inside:</b> Bookmarks <b>Outside:</b> Line Tiggly	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Sandwiches
<b>Thursday</b> Staff: Michelle, Chelsea & Myrna	<b>Inside:</b> Sun Mobile <b>Outside:</b> Free Play <b>Homework + Readers</b>	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Cupcakes
<b>Friday</b> Staff: Michelle, Marlene & Hang	<b>Children's Choice:</b> Games, Activities Inside & Out. <b>Cooking with Marlene</b>	Seasonal Fruit & Veggies Variety of biscuits

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 1<sup>st</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> 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

## Our Lady's OSHC News

**Our Lady's OSHC will be hosting Magic Show and Balloon Twisting Incursion.** Children will have the opportunity to participate in a 30 minute Magic Show followed by 1 hour of fun in a Balloon Twisting workshop. Children will have the opportunity to learn to make a Dog, a Sword or a Hat out of Balloons. The Magic Show and Balloon Twisting Incursion will be part of After School Care at **Our Lady's OSHC from 4.00pm – 5.30pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, in the Hall.**



Families new to Our Lady's OSHC in 2016 please visit our YMCA Children's Services website <http://www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au/school-care/our-locations/our-ladys-ps.html> to enrol and for existing OSHC families if you are not already attending on 8<sup>th</sup> December, please visit the website to make your booking.

## After School Care

If your child requires quality care after school, YMCA Our Lady's OSHC is here to help!

After School Care is a terrific solution for busy families and provides a fun, friendly and relaxed environment for your child to grow and learn.

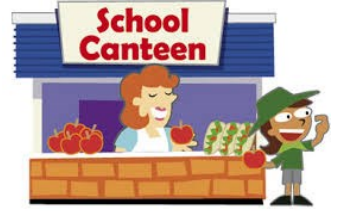
We cater to the needs of all children and offer a range of enjoyable activities including:

- Sports, ball games and team games
- Art and crafts
- Cooking
- Board games and puzzles
- Homework opportunities
- Children's Choice of Activities



For more information on weekly activities please see our program in the newsletter or on display in the OSHC space.

## CANTEEN NEWS



- Can all outstanding debts please be paid to the Canteen by Tuesday 6 December.
- Canteen Volunteers please RSVP to your Dinner by 5/12/2016
- Any Volunteers for 2017? If you have a spare hour or 2, please see Nubia or Geraldine in the Canteen



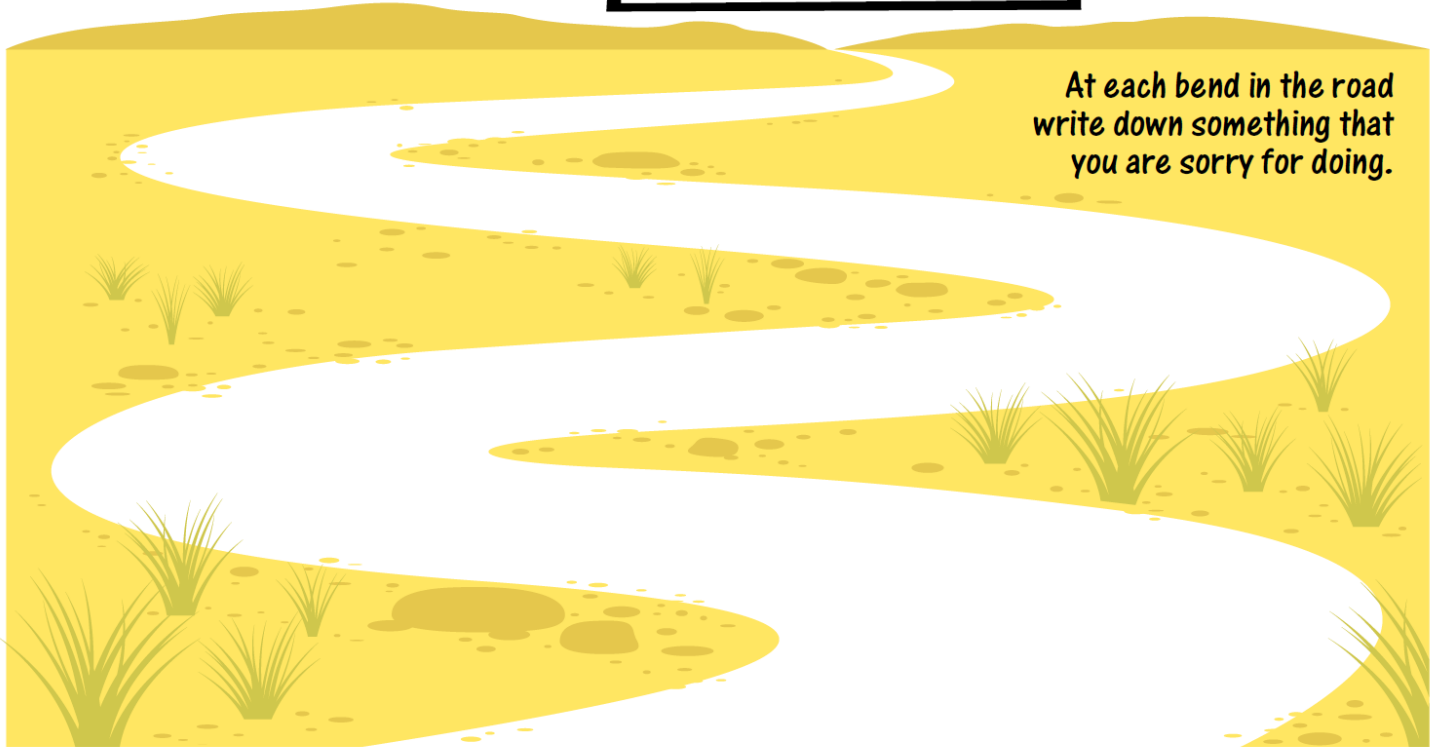
# Make a straight path for the Lord



2nd Sunday of Advent, Year A



At each bend in the road  
write down something that  
you are sorry for doing.



## Gospel

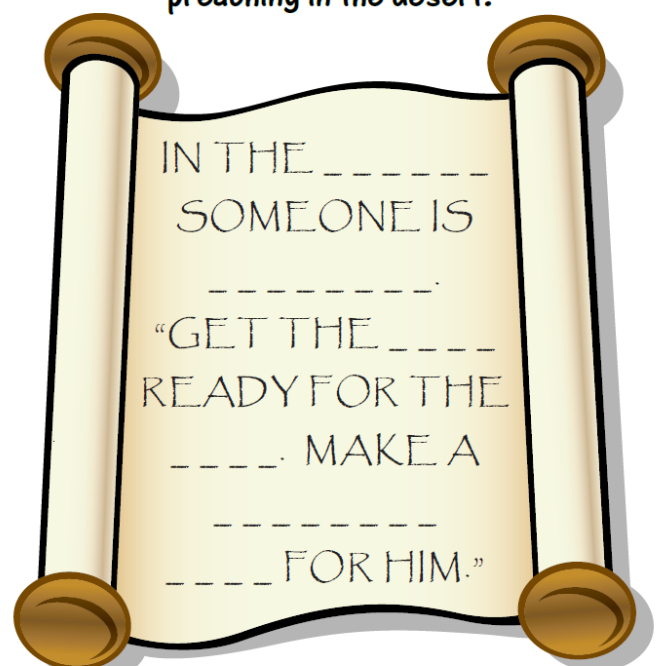
Mt 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

Use the words below to complete Isaiah's  
prophecy which tells of John the Baptist  
preaching in the desert.



STRAIGHT ROAD  
SHOUTING LORD PATH  
DESERT