



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

3 December 2021

www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

Parish Priest: Fr. Peter-Damien McKinley

Principal: Ms. Patrizia Bertani

Parish Mass Times:

English: Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 9:00am, 10:45am & 5:30pm

Vietnamese: Saturday 7.30pm, Sunday 12.30pm

Chin: Sunday 2.30pm

School Phone: 9312 2230

School website: www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

Our Lady's is a Child Safe School

'And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger' Luke 2:12

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Every Friday Assembly is online

Friday 3 December

Reports come home today

Wednesday 8 December

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
online Assembly at 2:30

Thursday 9 December

Grade 6 Graduation Mass 2.15-3.15pm. Disco from 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday 14 December

Sports Assembly online 2.20pm

Wednesday 15 December

Students finish for 2021 at 3.00pm

Thursday 16 & Friday 17 December

Staff preparing for 2022 and Handover Days

2022

Monday 31 January

Getting to Know You Years 1-6
Foundation 8.45am-1.00pm

Tuesday 1 February

Getting to Know You Years 1-6
Foundation 8.45am-1.00pm

Wednesday 2 February

Classes start for Years 1-6
No School for Foundation on Wednesdays in February

Dear Parents,

REPORTS CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS AND LEARNING FOR 2021

Semester Two written reports are being emailed out today. You will receive your child's report via the nForma Parent Portal. If you have changed your email address recently it is important that you let Mr John Buttigieg on jbuttigieg@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au or the office on enquiries@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au know in order for you to receive your child's written report for Semester Two.

Please take the time to sit and read them with your child. Praise your child for all they have accomplished over this last Semester. Spend time discussing what have been the highlights and the challenges of this year. Most importantly celebrate their learning journey and their achievements.

I would like to reassure you that we are continuing to implement our COVID Safe plan in line with directions from authorities. We have also continued to learn from each positive case about how to minimise risk factors.

The current protocol for identifying a primary close contact is being in the same room for a total of 2 hours or more over the 48 hour period before symptoms appear. Given this definition, we are aware that it is imperative that we keep the students only with their own class and not mixing with other students while indoors. We are continuing to have staggered breaks so that there are less students in the playground at the same time and the students can only play with students in their own year level. Thank you to all parents who are making sure their child comes to school with a face mask as this makes a difference in minimising the risk of spreading the virus.

We ask all families to please:

Keep your child at home if they have any symptoms. Please be aware that a number of children have presented with hayfever symptoms but have tested positive for COVID.

Get your child PCR tested at a testing site if they have any symptoms

Notify the school as soon as possible if your child receives a positive test result

**School
Reports**

Second Week of Advent

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 our lives to celebrate your birthday at Christmas. Help us live in your love and share that love with others in your name during this holy season.

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



We have had to cancel, postpone or adjust many events over this term. We thank families for understanding why we are making these changes and apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. Our goal is always to provide the safest environment that we can.

STEAM RAIL EXCURSION UPDATE

Unfortunately, due to the increase in COVID cases at our school we have had to make the difficult decision to cancel the whole school excursion on the Steam train which was organised for Friday the 10th of December. When we planned this event there were no COVID cases in the school, as you know this has not been the case over the last 2 weeks. We have had 4 cases so far in our school and although this is a significantly less number than many other schools in our area we want to do everything possible to minimise the spread. We hope that we can have this excursion next year.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION NEWS UPDATE

The Year Six students will celebrate their Graduation on Thursday 9th December. We ask that they come to school in smart casual clothes as they will not be required to wear their uniform on their graduation day. It will be wonderful to be able to celebrate this important milestone in your child's life.



The Graduation Mass will take place in the church from 2:15pm to 3:15pm. Parents are welcome to attend. If you are attending the Graduation Mass you will need to enter via the Church via the Monash street entrance and not via the school.

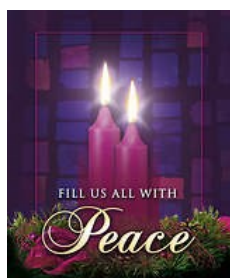
When you enter the church you will be required to sign in with the QR code and show your vaccination certificate. In the church you will be required to maintain social distance and to wear a mask. The Mass and ceremony will be recorded and the link will be posted on Seesaw so that you will be able to view it at your own leisure as well as show it to family and friends.

At the conclusion of the Mass and Graduation Ceremony, the students will be presented with their Graduation certificates and a small keepsake. Photos will be taken by the school throughout the ceremony and you will have access to these.

Once the Mass has ended parents will be asked to leave via the church exit and the students will return to school where they will be given a drink and a sweet and savoury snack. At 3:30pm the school disco will begin for the students to enjoy, and this will conclude at 4:30pm.

We ask parents to please come to the school's main gate (nearest the Office on Station Place) at 4:30pm to pick up their child. No student will be allowed to walk home by themselves.

Second Sunday of Advent



A Prayer to pray with your family

Dear God,

When I stand at the beginning of a new day,
Bless me with *vision* to see the good things to come,
Wisdom to make good decisions,
and most of all, *faith*
that you are walking with me every step of the way

Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani

Principal

principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

YEAR 6 LEADERS

**Congratulations to
our Year 6 Leaders!**

Congratulations to the following Year 6 student who has achieved a Year 6 Leader badge. Well done for showing our School Values.

Thank you for consistently living out the Our Lady's

Gospel values of: **COMPASSION AND RESPECT**

Digby W has shown that he is an excellent collaborator, communicator and self manager. These attributes that he has shown consistently have helped to build a positive culture amongst his peers as well as with other students in the school.



P&F CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets \$1.00 each

Available via QKR App

**Christmas
Raffle**

Drawn at Assembly last day of school

Wednesday 15 December

Tickets for sale until Tuesday 14 December 12.00pm

Term 4, WEEK 3 ⇨ Drop off and pick up gate arrangements

A-F ☺ Morning Drop Off (Victoria Street)	
8:20 → 8:45	A→F Back gate on Victoria Street (near Yr2 classes) & Church gate (near canteen)
A-F ☺ Afternoon Pick Up (Victoria Street)	
3:05 → 3:14 Wednesday only 2:50 → 2:59	Back gate on Victoria Street (near Yr2 classes) & Church gate (near canteen)

G-L ☺ Morning Drop Off (Station Place)	
8:20 → 8:45	Main entrance (near office) - Station place & Station Place gate (near Foundation and Yr 4 classes)
G-L ☺ Afternoon Pick Up (Station Place)	
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M-R ☺ Morning Drop Off (Victoria Street)	
8:20 → 8:45	Back gate on Victoria Street (near Yr2 classes) & Church gate (near canteen)
M-R ☺ Afternoon Pick Up (Victoria Street)	
3:15 → 3:25 Wednesday only 3:00 → 3:10	Back gate on Victoria Street (near Yr2 classes) & Church gate (near canteen)

S-Z ☺ Morning Drop Off (Station Place)	
8:20 → 8:45	Main entrance (near office) - Station place & Station Place gate (near Foundation and Yr 4 classes)
S-Z ☺ Afternoon Pick Up (Station Place)	
3:15 → 3:25 Wednesday only 3:00 → 3:10	Main entrance (near office) - Station place & Station Place gate (near Foundation and Yr 4 classes)

To make pick ups easier, the eldest child must collect their brothers/sisters so they can leave together.

**IT'S OUR
BIRTHDAY!**



Joanne H 1K
Simon L 1L
Bonnie M 1L
Mila K 4G
Mikayla C 5C
Asha K 5D
Chan Chan C 5D

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

2021

OUR LADY'S - 93 Monash St, SUNSHINE

Our Lady's Children's Christmas Mass

If you would like to be involved in the 6.00pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass please register your details with the Parish Secretary (9401 6344) our.lady@bigpond.net.au
We require the names and ages of all children and the contact phone number for a parent/guardian. Children's names **must be received by Monday December 13.**

FRIDAY 24th Christmas Eve

6.00pm	ENGLISH	(Fully Vaccinated only)
8.15pm	VIETNAMESE	(Fully Vaccinated only)
10.00pm	CHIN	(Fully Vaccinated only)
12.00 Midnight	ENGLISH	(Fully Vaccinated only)

SATURDAY 25th Christmas Day

10.00am	ENGLISH	(Fully Vaccinated only)
12.00 Noon	CHIN	(Fully Vaccinated only)
12.30pm	VIETNAMESE	(Fully Vaccinated only)

No Saturday evening Masses on Christmas Day

Sunday 26 December - usual Sunday times: 9.00am / 10.45am / 12.30pm / 2.30pm / 5.30pm

FRIDAY 24 December 2021

Masses for those of Unknown Vaccine Status

11.00am English (unknown/ Unvaccinated) - To attend this Mass BOOKING is necessary

4.30pm English (unknown/ Unvaccinated) - To attend this Mass BOOKING is necessary

Booking will open online will open on 15th Dec.
<http://pol.org.au/sunshine> - see LINKS: BOOKING

May you have a Blessed & Happy Christmas



SUMMER HOLIDAYS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

The Extend Squad Holiday Program is available at 36 schools across Australia this summer.

Whether the holiday program is at your school, down the road or close to your next interstate holiday destination, there will be a holiday program available for your children to enjoy.

To find your nearest holiday program:

1. Visit extend.com.au
2. Search for your school under the 'Families' tab
3. Select 'Find My School'
4. Search for your school in the search bar
5. Click on 'View Program' and we'll tell you where your closest services is!



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Building deep relationships with kids

by Michael Grose

Building a strong relationship with their children is every parent's dream. Here are some time-honoured ways of doing this if you can stick to them.

Every parent I know wants a great relationship with their children.

An effective way of promoting such relationships is through rituals and traditions. Rituals and traditions build close families.

For example, most strong families I know are underpinned by a strong food culture. In these families, every kid, no matter what their age, is expected to come to the meal table. Kids in these families are generally also expected to participate in other rituals and traditions.

This can require some parenting spine, but these rituals build wide relationships – that is, they gather the tribe together creating a wide relationship circle.

Individual parent-child relationships need to go deep. Deep relationships provide leverage. They also survive the potential storms of adolescence, during which relationships can become stormy and intense.

Certainly some ages are more amenable to positive relationship building than others. Developmentally, it's easiest to build deep relationships in the opportunity years of latency: five through to ten years of age.

The easiest way to build a deep relationship between yourself and each of your kids is to spend regular one-on-one time together.

- Go somewhere for a whole day with a child.
- Go away for a weekend with just one child. Do things you enjoy.
- If possible, go camping.
- Talk. Cook. Mooch.

These shared experiences can have a magic impact on relationships. They can sometimes lead to vast improvements in children's behaviour.

Another way to build deep relationships is to share an interest with a child. Having something in common, whether it's a shared love of sport, books or a hobby, creates an individual bond that goes deep. A shared interest also creates 'natural' opportunities for one-on-one time.



Make it happen

- One-on-one time needs to be organised.
- It generally won't happen by accident.
- It takes time. It takes energy. It takes a support mechanism to make it happen. Most of all takes permission.
- But one-on-one time is so worth the effort.
- One-on-one time is the coat hook upon which each of your children will hang their memories of you.



Michael Grose

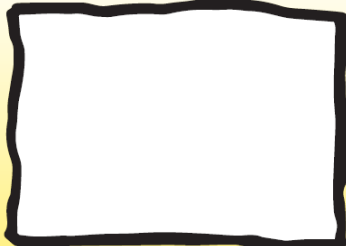
Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books for parents including Thriving! and the best-selling Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It, and his latest release Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children. A trailblazer in the parenting and educational scenes Michael regularly appears in the media throughout Australia in programs including The Project, The Today Show and ABC radio.

Make a straight path for the Lord



2nd Sunday of Advent, Year C

There have been many people who came before Jesus to prepare the way for his arrival.



ABRAHAM was called by God from his home in the east to a new land called Canaan. God promised that this land would belong to the family of Abraham forever. Abraham is often represented with a symbol of a tent. Draw a picture of Abraham's tent.



DAVID was a young shepherd who was chosen by God to be the new King of Israel. The prophet Jeremiah told how one day a great ruler from the family of David would come into the world. As we know, that great ruler is Jesus. Draw a picture of King David's Crown.



MARY: Write down the things you know about the mother of Jesus



JOHN THE BAPTIST: Write down the things you know about John the Baptist

Gospel

Lk 3:1a, 2-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be
laid low,
winding ways will be
straightened
and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the
salvation of God.

There are special people in your life who are helping you prepare the way for Jesus. Draw a picture of 2 of these people helping you. Write their names and how they are helping.

_____ is helping me _____

_____ is helping me _____
