



## OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

4 December 2020

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Parish Priest: Fr. Peter-Damien McKinley  
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*Our Lady's is a Child Safe School*

*'In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth' Genesis 1:1*

Dear Parents,

Next Tuesday on the 8th of December we will be celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, our School's namesake. On that day we will honour Our Lady by praying the Hail Mary together as a school and each class will gather around the beautiful statue of Our Lady that we have at the front of our school for a special prayer session. All students will be given a free tube as part of Feast Day celebrations. We give thanks to Our Lady for protecting our school community this year.



### REPORTS CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS AND LEARNING FOR 2020

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 or the office know on [jbuttigieg@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jbuttigieg@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au) or [office@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au) 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.

### GRADUATION UPDATE

Parents who have students in Year 6 will know that they will be having their Graduation Day on Thursday the 10th of December. We are now able to invite one parent to attend in the school auditorium. If you cannot attend in person we will be streaming the event online via Google Meet. The ceremony will begin at 2:30 pm and if you are coming to the School you will need to be here by 2:10pm. Upon arrival you will need to fill in a COVID-19 form in the School Hall before going into the auditorium. The first part of the Graduation ceremony will be held as part of a whole school assembly which will conclude at 2:50pm, however the Graduation will continue for the Year 6 parents and the Year 6 students until 3:30 pm. At 3:30 pm the parents will leave the school and the Year 6 students will remain and enjoy a disco and a lovely meal. The disco will conclude at 5:30 pm when you will need to pick up your child.

We will be sending home a more detailed letter to all Year 6 parents early next week. We are so excited that we will be able to truly celebrate our wonderful Year 6 students who have led our school through a very difficult year.

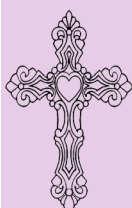


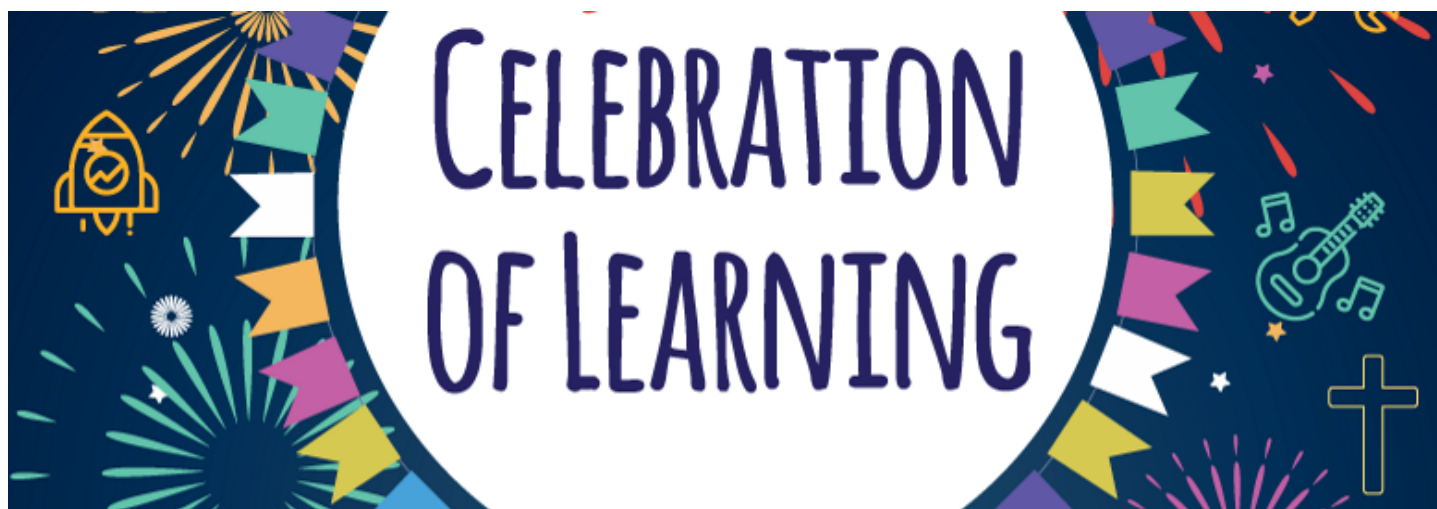
### PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

*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, we celebrate the holy day of the Immaculate Conception of Mary next Tuesday.

You created Mary without sin from the very first moment of her life. Help us to be thankful for our 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





## FI

**Bilaitu** - For skip counting by 5s! What a great effort in recognising the pattern! From *Ms. Cam Tu*

**Liam** - For using your problem solving skills to work out an issue that happened in the yard. What a great example of being a Thinker!! From *Ms. Cam Tu*

## FJ

**Sophia** - For showing the School Gospel Value of Peace by being a kind friend and looking after others when they are upset. From *Miss Severino*

**Owen** - For achieving your writing goal of starting and finishing your writing. Keep going! You are doing a fantastic job! From *Miss Severino*

## 1K

**Paul Z** For trying hard with all of your learning. I love the effort you are making. From *Miss Karen*

**Lincoln B** For focusing on your learning by putting more effort and thinking into your school work. From *Miss Karen*

## 1L

**Grace R** - For being a learner who shows initiative and forward thinking, especially when working in groups! From *Miss Steph*

**Lara M** - For being a wonderful self-manager during Discovery Time who sets up and cleans down her workspace independently! From *Miss Steph*

## 2M

**Kayla M**- For demonstrating the Our Lady's School Gospel values of Respect, Courage and Compassion. Keep up the amazing work. Well done From *Miss Scarpaci*

**Nevaeh M**- For writing an excellent persuasive text about why homework should be banned. You convinced me! Well done. From *Miss Scarpaci*

## 2N

**Anna V** - For showing your scientific thinking during your groups self-directed science experiment. Your dancing hearts were great to see and I loved hearing how you thought the change occurred! From *Ms Howe*

**Giselle T** - For being a wonderful Collaborator during our FLI self-directed science experiments. You were a positive member of your group! Your snow fluff was so cool! From *Ms Howe*

## 3E

**Don A** - For writing an excellent 'Roblox' story using interesting characters and for working hard to include paragraphs in your writing. Keep it up! From *Miss O'Connell*

**Zac W** - For showing the Our Lady's Gospel value of respect when helping others in the class especially when we were working on sewing our cushions. Well done! From *Miss O'Connell*

## 3F

**Gabe M** - For a well researched and well written information text on a planet. You included contexts, interesting images with captions and sub-headings! Well done! From *Ms Murphy*

**Chelsi L** - For working hard on your number and maths strategies. I am so impressed with how much you have grown

in your learning this year! Keep up the great work! *From Ms Murphy*

#### 4G

**Lili** - For taking initiative during maths this week by brainstorming more efficient ways to solve complex multiplication problems. You knew there was a better way to do it, and you certainly got there. Keep pushing yourself! *From Ms Wood*

**Amelia** - For being so creative during Writer's Notebook that it blew your teacher's mind. Keep writing and share it with the world! *From Ms Wood*

#### 4H

**Chan Chan C** - For displaying the Our Lady's School Gospel Value of Respect through his quiet and courteous manner. Well done Chan Chan *From Mr Wickham*

**Chanel P-N** - For showing initiative, common sense and a positive attitude; the signs of leadership. Well done Chanel, keep moving forward! *From Mr Wickham*

#### 5C

**Lily W.** - For being a great Collaborator and Communicator when working in a group. You worked hard to listen to others and explain your thoughts. Well done, Lily! *From Miss Wendy*

**Dimitri Z.** - For showing great creativity and self-management when decorating his mug. You took so much care and remained focused throughout the task, and your mug looks great! *From Miss Wendy*

#### 5D

**Matthew S** - For using the Learning Asset of 'Thinker' when unpacking your seed during the writer's workshops. Well done on the innovation and creativity in your ideas! *From Mrs Mendoza*

**Moses T** - For the fantastic effort you have shown in your learning! Well done listening and acting on teacher feedback during the writer's workshops in order to improve your writing. Keep it up! *From Mrs Mendoza*

#### 6A

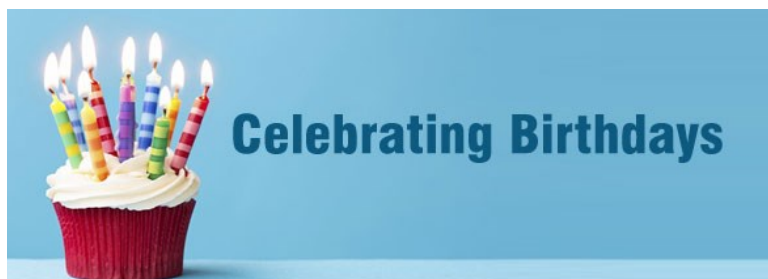
**Amy F** - For consistently displaying the gospel values of Respect and Compassion towards others. You make our school a kinder, better place! *From Ms Kaan*

**Matilda F** - For showing sportsmanship during Monday's intra-school sports day. You encouraged others even if they weren't on your team! *From Ms Kaan*

#### 6B

**Lewis R** - For your enthusiasm and focus when sharing your FLI innovation with our Foundation buddies! The students were mesmerised by your work! *From Ms. Gurry*

**6B** - For your amazing work preparing and carrying out our class liturgy. You all did an amazing job and showed reverence and maturity! *From Ms. Gurry*



Yours sincerely,

*Patrizia Bertani*

**Ms Patrizia Bertani**

**Principal**

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Joanne H FJ  
Simon L FJ  
Van C 4H  
Bonnie M FJ  
Mikayla C 4H  
Phoebe W 6B  
Jason P 6A  
Christian Z 4G



## CANTEEN NEWS

If you have received a yellow slip because your child/ren had lunch provided for them at school, can you please **BRING THE SLIP AND ANY MONEY OWED** to the Office as soon as possible.

Many thanks,  
Geraldine and Nubia



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 4 December  
Tuesday 8 December

Reports published today  
Feast of the Immaculate  
Conception Liturgy at 11.30am  
Year 6 Graduation Celebration  
Students finish for 2020 at 3.00pm



Thursday 10 December  
Wednesday 16 December

## SCHOOL FEES

You will have all received your final statement for the year. Thank you to all those families who have paid their fees. A reminder that if you haven't as yet paid your school fees they are payable to the Office by EFT or by Direct Payment to the school bank account. We are not accepting cash payments. If you are leaving the school this year it is important that you settle all outstanding school fees now. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.



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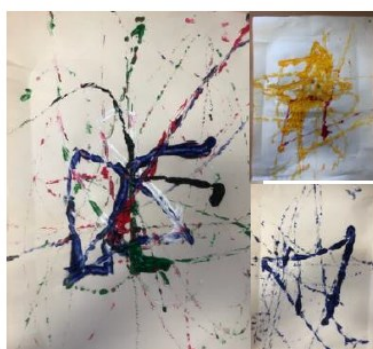
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Snow dough	Elf-town	Boxed up origami	OSHC sports day	Felt bookmarks

DISCOVER	LEARN	PLAY
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Sew bearable, so adorable! And a worm to round it off... We had some amazingly creative people doing great stitching.



Question: What do you get if you cross a marble run with a paint brush?  
Answer: Art! Fabulous art!



Take me to your leader! We always have something squishy, be it dough or sand...Cupcakes and monsters are a favourite.

## STAR OF THE WEEK!

# Luca

For being quick to share, help and figure out how to make some great activities better!

Our bread was a little on the doughy side but we did figure out we would prefer it as play dough, so next week we will make some fabulous snow dough! It glitters ☺. We loved making teddies (and a worm) with the felt and with some lazy summer days coming we will use our off cuts to make some gorgeous felt bookmarks this coming week. The vote to get an elf-on-the-shelf was so overwhelming that we will get one, but we will make many portraits of our elf to be everywhere... with googly eyes watching us! And ready to Christmas presents, or just to hide stuff in we will make some paper boxes with our origami skills. Getting competitive with our OSHC sports day (just us but in teams) will be our hump-day excitement.

Leonie  
Service Coordinator

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## Goodbye primary school, hello secondary school

by Michael Grose



*The end of primary school is a significant milestone in children's lives. They've spent half their lives in primary school, in many cases in the same school, which is significant.*

Developmentally they've come a long way from those skinny little kids who lined up for class on the first day holding a parent's or carer's hand. Now entering puberty, most are taller than their mothers and the only people they'll hold hands with are 'special friends', but not in public. Those displays of affection will come later in the secondary school years.

Changing from primary to secondary brings a mixture of emotions in kids such as excitement, apprehension, pride and, in many cases, sadness about leaving friends and familiar surrounds behind.

Parents often go through the same range of emotions as children at this time so we need to acknowledge those feelings in ourselves, just as we should in our children.

### Looking back

This is a time for kids to celebrate their achievements; show appreciation to their teachers and enjoy the friendships that they've formed. Here are three ideas:

#### 1. Let's celebrate

Primary school graduation ceremonies play an important part in the primary school life, as they mark the end of an era and the start of a new part of their lives. We need to be careful that the meaning doesn't become lost as graduations become increasingly lavish, even to the point where some students are transported to their graduation in a stretch limo. *Keep them simple and keep them close to the school's values.*

#### 2. Show gratitude

As a former teacher I know how much a simple thank you can mean from students at the end of the year. So make sure your kids take the time to thank their final year teacher and as well as seek out to thank other teachers who contributed to their education over their primary school journey. *Gratitude costs nothing but has a great impact.*

#### 3. Enjoy friendships

Encourage your kids to be open and friendly at this time of the year, and steer clear of cliques and fellow students who want to exclude others from their groups. The end of primary school can be tricky to navigate, particularly

when early maturers stick together and ostracise certain classmates. *This is the time for friendly behaviour and inclusiveness.*

## Looking ahead

When primary school is finished and the holidays are coming to an end it's time to focus on the new experiences of secondary school. Some kids take secondary school in their stride but it is natural to experience some difficulty.

If your eldest is starting, then secondary school will be a relatively new experience for you too. It will take some time for you to adjust to the school's culture and communication methods.

Your attitude as a parent can help your child quickly adjust. Here are three ideas for you to help kids make a smooth adjustment:

### 1. Promote friendships

The quicker kids form new friendships the sooner they'll feel comfortable in their secondary school surroundings. Encourage your young person to be open to forming friendships with all sorts of kids; to be accepting of others who may be different to them; to take social risks by joining in activities even though they may feel uncomfortable; and to be friendly, approachable and positive!

### 2. Be ready to listen

Patience and understanding in the early weeks is essential. Brush up on your listening skills as you help your young person adjust. Talk to your young person about change and reassure them that it's normal to feel unsure or nervous in new circumstances. Let them know that many difficulties they face will be temporary.

### 3. Keep your attitude positive

Confidence is catching so make sure you see this transition time as an exciting challenge that your child can handle rather than an event to be feared. Ask them about the new subjects or interesting activities they are doing, and try to shift their focus to the positive aspects of school. Discuss settling in issues with the appropriate person such as a year level coordinator, but give your young person time to handle them on their own before seeking help.



#### 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.

# Watch out and be ready!

1st Sunday of Advent, Year B



During Advent one way we can prepare for the arrival of Jesus is by helping others. Draw yourself helping another person.

## Gospel

Mk 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

## Let's Get Ready

Complete these sentences

I get ready for church by

I get ready for school by

I get ready for bed by

I get ready for Christmas during Advent by