



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

14 June 2018

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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
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Our Lady's is a Child Safe School

God has made us what we are, and in our union with Jesus Christ he has created us for a life of good deeds, which he has already prepared for us to do. Ephesians 2: 10

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Fri 15 June

Gr 3 Incursion

Fri 22 June

9.00am Community Class-rooms

Reports go home today

Wed 27 June

3 Way Learning Conversations
3.30-6.00pm

Thur 28 June

3 Way Learning Conversations
8.00am-3.00pm **No school for the children**

Fri 29 June

Last day of term 2 at 3.15pm
Team Colours Day
Family Movie Night 6.30pm
Sun Theatre Yarraville

Mon 16 & Tues 17 July

Staff Conference **No school for the children**

Wed 18 July

Term 3 begins for children

Thurs 26 July

Feast of Saints Anne & Joachim - Grandparents Day

Thurs 2 Aug

7.00pm Reconciliation Parent Night

Wed 8 Aug

Feast of St Mary of the Cross
MacKillop

Fri 10 Aug

Parish Movie

Wed 15 Aug

Feast of Assumption

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation (Year 3)

Thurs 6 Sept 7.00pm

Confirmation (Year 6)

Fri 16 November 7.00pm

Dear Parent,

Yesterday Kriss Oliver (RE/Learning and Teaching Leader), Greg Woolford (School Partnerships Convenor), Christine Carabott (Deputy Principal/Student Wellbeing Leader) and myself hosted the first of two Community Learning Conversations. It was great to see so many parents participate and readily engage in conversation about what they believe is most important for their child/children to learn. A big thank you to all of you who attended, the staff really enjoyed hearing your ideas and getting to know you a little better. We value the parent voice and are very keen to gather as many ideas from parents as we possibly can before the two day conference on July 16th and 17th in Term 3. We are currently gathering data from all sections of our school community (parents, students and staff) to use during our two day conference to inform our new curriculum design.

The next Community Learning Conversations meeting is on tomorrow, Friday 15 June between 8.00am and 8.45am in the Hall Kitchen. Tea, coffee and croissants will be served at the meeting for all participants to enjoy.

Written Reports Update

Last year Our Lady's school redesigned the written reports and we had a very positive response from the parent community in relation to the new format. The new format reflects our RE focused contemporary approach and the Victorian Curriculum which has enabled greater flexibility to personalise the report and the progression of learning for each child. We hope that when reading the written reports you not only get a clear picture of your child's progress in curriculum areas but also a sense of how your child is progressing as a learner and as a member of the Our Lady's school community.

This year we are reporting to a new area of the Victorian Curriculum, Digital and Design Technologies. The students in Foundation Year One, Three and Five will have their achievements reported on in Digital and Design Technologies in Semester 1. Students in Year Two, Four and Six will have their achievements in Digital and Design Technologies reported on in Semester 2. We have included a Michael Grose article in this edition of the newsletter which we hope will help you when speaking to your child about their report.

Canteen Reminder

On Mondays only the canteen are selling soup and half a bread roll for \$1 and hot chocolate will be available Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at snack time only for 50c. Keeping you warm this Winter!



Prayer in Winter

God gives us the changing seasons. The seasons help us God's presence. God, in the winter we ask you to give us strength for the cold months ahead. On chilly nights help us to know that you are with us. Thank you for warm jackets and softly falling rain and for friends with whom we play. Help us to see you in the beauty of winter and in one another.

Amen



Team Colours Day

At Our Lady's school we love to celebrate the things we are passionate about. Sport is a very important part of our school curriculum and we have set aside a day where we can all come to school celebrating our favourite sporting teams by wearing their colours. This is a fun day for the children and the staff.

This year Team Colours Day will be held on **FRIDAY 29 JUNE (last day of Term)**

The children of Our Lady's school will be able to come to school dressed in their favourite sporting team or House colours. It does not have to be a complete uniform; it might be a scarf, jumper or a beanie.

If your child is not wearing the colours from their favourite sporting team or House colours they will be required to wear their school sports uniform on the day.

Ms Jo McManus our wonderful PE Leader has organised for the children to participate in an AFL Roadshow activity.



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Website News - www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

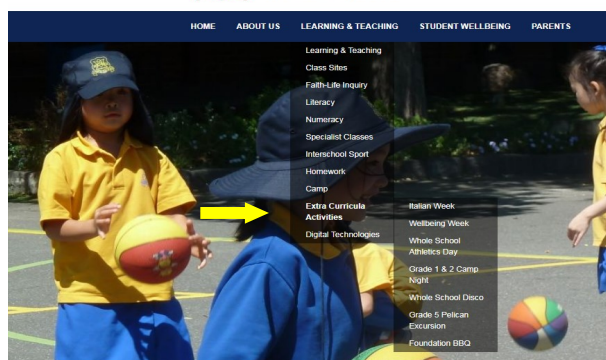
Make sure you visit our website regularly as both the Recent News (located on the home page) and the Calendar are updated with events, news and dates.

Also being updated are the photo galleries of events held at Our Lady's which can be found under the Learning and Teaching tab under Extra Curricula Activities (as shown in the picture).

We endeavour to keep our website fresh and current as things occur around the school as well as putting dates on the calendar so your diaries are always up to date.



Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception
Sunshine
All for the Glory of God



GREAT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR LADY'S



COMMUNICATION SKILLS

THINKING SKILLS

CREATIVITY

SOCIAL SKILLS



PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS

COLLABORATIVE SKILLS

Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani

Principal

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We are very excited to announce that we will be celebrating our first Grandparents & Special Friends Day at Our Lady's School.

We warmly welcome grandparents to come and spend some time with their grandchild/children. We recognise that some grandparents may be interstate, overseas or may have passed away, so we extend the invitation to 'special friends' who play an important part in your child's life.

When: Thursday 26th July (Feast day of Jesus' grandparents - St Anne & St Joachim)

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Where: Liturgy in Our Lady's Hall followed by classrooms visits and concluding with morning tea back in the hall .



More information will be sent home soon, as well as an RSVP to allow us to gain an indication of how many people may be attending.

GARDEN DESIGNS

AND SALE




Have you ever wanted to keep birds
 *The designs in the gardenbeds are not for sale.
 AWAY? * Come to 3F/3E if you want to buy a design.

WHERE:

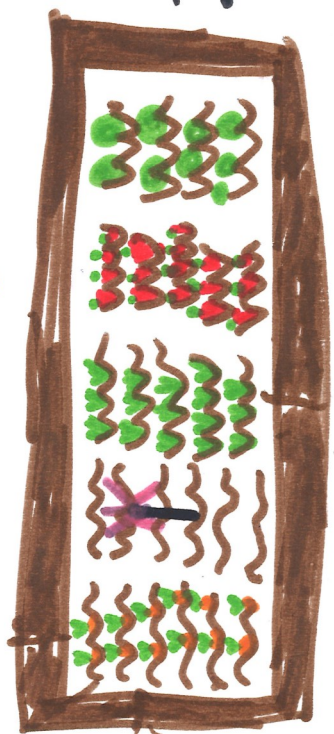
Behind the grade 3 classrooms.

WHY:

To raise money for more gardens!

WHEN:

Monday 18th - last day of Term 2.



Book Now!
Bookings are now open!
Please note:
Bookings must be made 7 days
prior to the School Closure Day



When:
28th June
16th July
17th July

School Closure Day Programs!

Please come and join us at our Camp Australia School Closure Day Program for non-stop fun with friends, including outdoor group games, sport, art & craft and much more!!!

Time: 8:00am to 6:00pm **Where:** The After School Care Room at Our Lady's School

What to bring: Morning Tea and Lunch. Breakfast and Afternoon Tea will be provided!

Fees: \$69.00 per child minus CCB/CCR benefits

Please visit our website www.campaustalia.com.au or contact our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 to register your child for the School Closure Day program.

Please Note: 18 Minimum bookings are required to operate the School Closure Day Program, so please book in as soon as you can. You will be notified 7 days prior to the School Closure Day if the session is no longer running.

ART ROOM NEWS

Hello all!! The Year 6s are creating mini galleries and we need your help! If anyone has small boxes the size of a shoebox or slightly bigger we would appreciate as many as we can gather!

Please ask your friends, family, neighbours etcevery donation will help!!

Thanking you,
Miss Pina Art Teacher



PARISH NEWS

Welcome to Charles Cardinal Bo, Archbishop of Yangon, Myanmar.

This is a great honour to receive his visit this Saturday 16 June.

11.00am Mass in Our Lady's Church, Sunshine. (Celebrated in Burmese language)

Formal welcoming and lunch in Parish Mariana Hall after Mass.

All are welcome



Important Dates (Year 7 2019)



EVENT	DATE	TIME
TERM 3 2018		
Year 7 2019 placement test All materials for the testing will be provided to students on the day. Refreshments will be provided between tests, however we do ask that all students bring a clear drink bottle and snack for the day.	Saturday 21st July 2018 All girls and boys will be sitting their test at St John's Campus 204 Churchill Avenue, Braybrook	8.15AM-12.30PM
TERM 4 2018		
Uniform Fittings (compulsory) Please note a cash deposit of \$50 will be required on the night. We are unable to process card payments on the night and apologise for the inconvenience.	<u>Girls</u> Tuesday 13th November 2018 (Surnames A - G) Wednesday 14th November 2018 (Surnames H - N) Thursday 15th November 2018 (Surnames O - Z) <u>Boys</u> Tuesday 20th November 2018 (Surnames A - G) Wednesday 21st November 2018 (Surnames H - N) Thursday 22nd November 2018 (Surnames O - Z) All fittings located at St John's Campus 204 Churchill Ave, Braybrook	Between 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Parent Information Night (not compulsory) An evening to welcome parents to our College community and provide valuable information regarding the new year and how to prepare our students for secondary school. Students are not required to attend.	Tuesday 27st November 2018 St John's Campus 204 Churchill Avenue, Braybrook	6.00pm – 8.00pm
Books and Resources List Distributed at Parent Information Night (PIN)	Tuesday 27st November 2018 Families will receive a copy of their Resources list at the Parent information night. Families are asked to complete and return the Resources list by the due date printed on the forms.	6.00pm – 8.00pm
Orientation Day (compulsory) Students need to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend in primary school uniform Bring writing materials (pens, pencils, pencil case) Bring packed lunch and snacks 	Tuesday 4th December 2018 Located at both campuses Year 7 boys - St John's Campus 204 Churchill Ave, Braybrook Year 7 girls - Christ the King Campus 65 Churchill Ave, Braybrook	8.30am – 3.05pm
TERM 1 2019		
Uniform and resource collection	DATE TO BE CONFIRMED All collections located at St John's Campus. 204 Churchill Ave, Braybrook	Between 8.30AM - 4.00PM
2019 first day of school	DATE TO BE CONFIRMED	Students to arrive at school by 8.30AM
2019 Welcome night for parents	DATE TO BE CONFIRMED	6.30– 8.00PM
Please get in touch if you have any questions. Jacqui Duong College Registrar j.duong@cchcc.vic.edu.au 9296 5311		



Reading your child's report

by Michael Grose

Reports can mean anxious times for children. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children.

Could try harder . . . always does her best . . . lacks concentration . . . easily distracted . . . a pleasure to teach . . .

Do these comments, taken from a batch of student reports sound familiar? Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped.

Reports can mean anxious times for children too. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:

1. Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability?

Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child's abilities. A quick check of your child's last report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.

2. Do you believe that children learn at different rates?

There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends' children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.

3. Are you willing to safeguard your child's self-esteem rather than deflate it?

Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible.

School reports come in different formats. Some are prescriptive while some use grading systems such as A, B, C, etc. with room for teacher comments. Regardless of the format school reports should provide you with an idea of your child's progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development.

Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child's report:

- **Focus on strengths.** Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.
- **Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning.** If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.
- **Broaden your focus** away from academic performance to form a picture of your child's progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don't dismiss these as unimportant.
- **Take note of student self- assessment.** Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.
- **Discuss the report** with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.



After reports are read and discussed celebrate your child's efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.



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.

The smallest seed becomes the biggest shrub

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



Gospel

Mk 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.



What is God's Kingdom like?

Jesus described the Kingdom of God as being like a mustard seed - the smallest of seeds! - but once planted, it grows into the biggest of shrubs. What do you imagine the Kingdom of God to be like? Write or draw your answers

Jesus used parables to help explain his teachings to people.
Draw a picture from any one of the following parables...

