



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful' Luke 6:36



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thurs 24 Mar

Holy Week Assembly
2.30pm
End of Term 1 at 3.15pm

Mon 11 Apr

Start of Term 2 at 8.45am

Tues 12 Apr

7.00-8.30pm Susan McLean
(Cyber Safety Solutions)
Parent Information Evening
in the Auditorium

Fri 22 Apr

Professional Learning for
Staff (First Aid & Emergen-
cy Management) - **No
school for the children**

Mon 25 Apr

ANZAC Day - Public Holiday

Wed 27 Apr

Michael Ymer Parent Ses-
sion 7.00-8.30pm

Mon 2 May

School Review focused
**School Closure Day - No
school for the children**

Sacraments

Wed June 8

Parent Eucharist Meeting
7.8pm

Sun 24 July

10.30am Eucharist 4H

Sun 31 July

10.30am Eucharist 4G

Wed 3 Aug

Parent Reconciliation
Meeting 7-8pm

Wed 31 Aug

Parent Confirmation
Meeting 7-8pm

Thurs 8 Sept

7.00pm First Reconciliation

Fri 11 Nov

7.00pm Confir-
mation



To the Parents and all the Our Lady's School Community,

This is the last newsletter for this term as we begin our journey through Holy Week. I hope you can join us at our special Friday Assembly where the children of 4G, 4H, 5C and 5D will lead us in our Easter Paraliturg. This will be a beautiful way for our school community to bring this term to a close.

Reflecting on the events of Holy Week will give us an opportunity to continue to take up the challenge to deepen our relationship with God and also reflect on how best we can live that out in our own community. I hope that in all the business of this Easter Season you will be able to find some time to be with God and feel the peace and joy that comes to us when we create space to be with him.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Father Peter for his valuable support throughout this term. Father Peter, we thank you for your positive and inspiring leadership and we look forward to working together with you to continue to innovate and improve our school community. We wish both Father Peter and Father Vinh a blessed and peace filled Easter.

As this term draws to an end I reflect on the many people who have worked together to make our school such a vibrant school community. I thank the staff for their consistent commitment to providing the children of Our Lady's school with an excellent education which embodies and has at its heart the Gospel values of Jesus Christ. Thank you to the children of Our Lady's school who have worked hard to improve in their learning and to live out the school's values:

*In faith and love we are people of: Justice, Respect, Service, Courage,
Peace and Compassion.*

Thank you to all our parents and families for your constant support.

*Wishing all in our school community a
safe, relaxing and happy term break,*

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



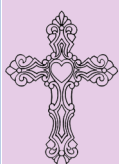
EASTER

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus we are full of joy!

You have risen from the dead and you are alive. Thank you, Jesus, for suffering and dying for us. Thank you, Jesus, for rising again. Fill our hearts with Easter joy, to spread the good news to all around us, so that others may learn about you, and your rising from the dead, and come to believe in you, too.

Alleluia! Alleluia!





I hope you have been enjoying this beautiful Autumn weather – let's hope it continues! This is just a quick note to **remind all parents to continue using sun protection throughout the term break and for a few weeks in Term Two.** UV levels are still above three so please continue to *Slip* on sun protective clothing, *Slop* on SPF 30 or higher sunscreen, *Slap* on a wide brimmed hat, *Seek* shade and, if practical, *Slide* on wrap-around sunglasses until the end of April. Please check the daily sun protection times to be sure. These are available on the free [SunSmart app and widget](#), in the weather section of the newspaper or at sunsmart.com.au

Even in the cooler autumn weather, that UV exposure all adds up.

Thanks again for your wonderful help and support in making sure that we minimise skin cancer risk for our children.



At last week's Friday Assembly our school captains Mary and Thomas presented Sister Jean with a donation of \$1000 that was raised by the children of Our Lady's school to support Sister Jean and her volunteers to continue to provide support via Joseph's Corner to the most vulnerable families in our community. Sister Jean was very appreciative and loved the fact that we are keeping the spirit and legacy of the Sisters of St Joseph alive in our school.

Thank you all the children and families of Our Lady's School-

You have made a positive difference!



*May this Easter bring serene
and blessed moments for you and
your family.*

*Happy Easter to all in
Our Lady's School and Parish.*

Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani

Principal

principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au



Thank you to all our school leaders for the exemplary way you represented Our Lady's School at the St. Patrick's Day Mass which was held at St. Patrick's Cathedral.



School Leaders at St Patrick's Day Mass



A big thank you to Mrs Kalc-Smyth for accompanying myself and the school leaders to this special Catholic Education Week Mass and celebration.

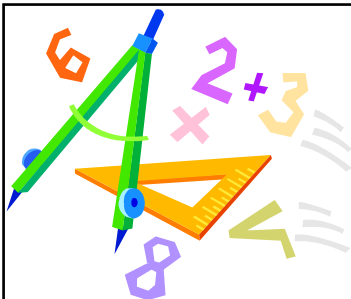




Thank you to the Glee Club performers for dancing up a storm at last week's assembly. What a talented bunch of entertainers you are!

The Glee Club Performance





Maths for Parents!

Our Lady's Primary School - Mary MacKillop Library

Wednesday 27th April 2016

7.00-8.30 pm

Presenter: Michael Ymer



Michael Ymer is a specialist mathematics consultant from Melbourne, Australia. He is involved in many Professional Development programs in schools across Australia and Asia. Michael worked at our school in May last year with great success and we are having him back again to provide coaching sessions to our staff and parent community.

Michael is an enthusiastic and entertaining presenter who has a clear and practical approach to the challenges that confront schools and parents in mathematics. On this evening Michael will address the following issues

- What is my child learning in mathematics?
- How can I help my child become an efficient problem solver?
- How do children best learn mathematics?
- How can parents promote quality thinking and learning?
- How can I help my child in mathematics?

He will model a range of learning tasks that promote mental computation and mathematical thinking.

I recommend this evening to all parents as a very worthwhile session that will help you understand the focus of mathematics in schools today. The session will offer strategies and ideas to help you support your young mathematicians.

I look forward to working with you on this evening.

Regards,

Christine Carabott

Deputy Principal & Numeracy Leader

Engaging with Place

A FREE playgroup for children
aged 0-5 years

- * *Engaging with Place* is a facilitated playgroup for children aged 0-5 years and their families
- * Children will learn through play based experiences that will take place in their local community environments
- * *Engaging with Place* is facilitated by a qualified Early Childhood or Primary Teacher, and preservice teachers from Victoria University.



Where: Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish Primary School
32 Station Place
Sunshine 3020

Phone: 9312 2230

Time: 9.00 - 10.00 am

Dates: Tuesdays in Term 2
19th April 2016
26th April 2016
3rd May 2016
10th May 2016
17th May 2016

Hope to see you there!



Our Lady's Church Sunshine

EASTER TIMETABLE 2016

Holy Thursday 24 March

Mass of the Lord's Supper

6.00pm English

8.30pm Vietnamese

Good Friday 25 March

10.00am *Stations of the Cross*

11.00am *Reconciliation*

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3.00pm (English) 5.30pm (Vietnamese)

Holy Saturday 26 March

10.00am *Reconciliation*

6.00pm *Easter Vigil*

8.30pm *Easter Vigil in Vietnamese*

Easter Sunday 27 March

Masses: 9.00am 10.30am 12.30pm (in Vietnamese)

EASTER CEREMONIES - HELP NEEDED WITH ALTAR SERVERS

Parents of children who already made their First Eucharist, are welcome to contact the school office if your child is interested. Fr. Vinh & Fr. Peter will offer some basic training mostly on the day, because each ceremony is different. See the list of all Easter times in this newsletter. Altar Servers from Our Lady's School will be very welcome.

Altar Servers needed for the following times:

Thurs 24th March 6.00pm

Good Friday 3.00pm

Saturday 6.00pm

Easter Sunday 9.00am & 10.30am

THANKYOU

Fr Peter McKinley



GET INTO



PARENT NIGHT!

SAVE THIS DATE

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10TH 2016

Week 5 term 3 (while the disco is on: 6-7pm)

Find out all about **GAFE** (Google Apps for Education).

Have a lesson using the Apps your child/ren are using at school.

Join the Google world and learn more about the benefits of 'cloud computing'.

Please put this date in your calendar NOW and lock it in!

This parent night will be lots of fun - highly interactive and "hands on".

For more information, please contact Carmel Menzies (ICT Leader) via email

cmenzies@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au

Responsible Pet Ownership Program



This week, all of our Foundation - Year 6 students were a part of the Responsible Pet Ownership Program here at Our Lady's. This involved a presentation either by Josie and her pet dog Max, or Debra and her pet dog, Icy.

The Responsible Pet Ownership Primary School Program is aimed at 5-12 year olds and has been delivered to over 1 million Victorian primary school children. It visits over 800 primary schools each year across the state.



The Program at Our Lady's focussed on teaching students about dog safety, including:

- when dogs should be left alone
- things we should not do to dogs
- how can you tell if a dog is happy, frightened or angry
- a safe way to approach and greet a dog
- what to do if approached by an unknown or aggressive dog.
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Some of our students even had the opportunity to meet and pat Max and Icy!



Foundation enrolments for 2017 are now open!

If you have a child who will be starting at Our Lady's in Foundation next year-2017, please come to the Office for an Enrolment folder.

When you have filled it out, please come back to the Office with the Enrolment Form and all documentation and an appointment time will be made for you.

Each year we have a waiting list and we do not want a sibling of an existing student to miss out.

Cross Country 2016

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing Our Lady's School in Cross Country. The Cross Country will be held on Friday the 15th of April at More Park, Ardeer. The 10 year olds run 2kms and the 11/12 year olds run 3kms.

4G

Noah A
Lucas H
Suzan N
Tram P

4H

Will D
Allira A
Abbey C
Mai N
Patrick P

5C

Alex A
Joel G
Klarissa B
Ruby P

6A

Noah K
Tristan L
Thomas S
Mang S
Leanne M

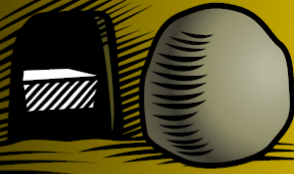
6B

Kye A
Josh W
William S
Abbey G
Giuliano G
Doi L
Zayna H



Good luck to all those representing Our Lady's!

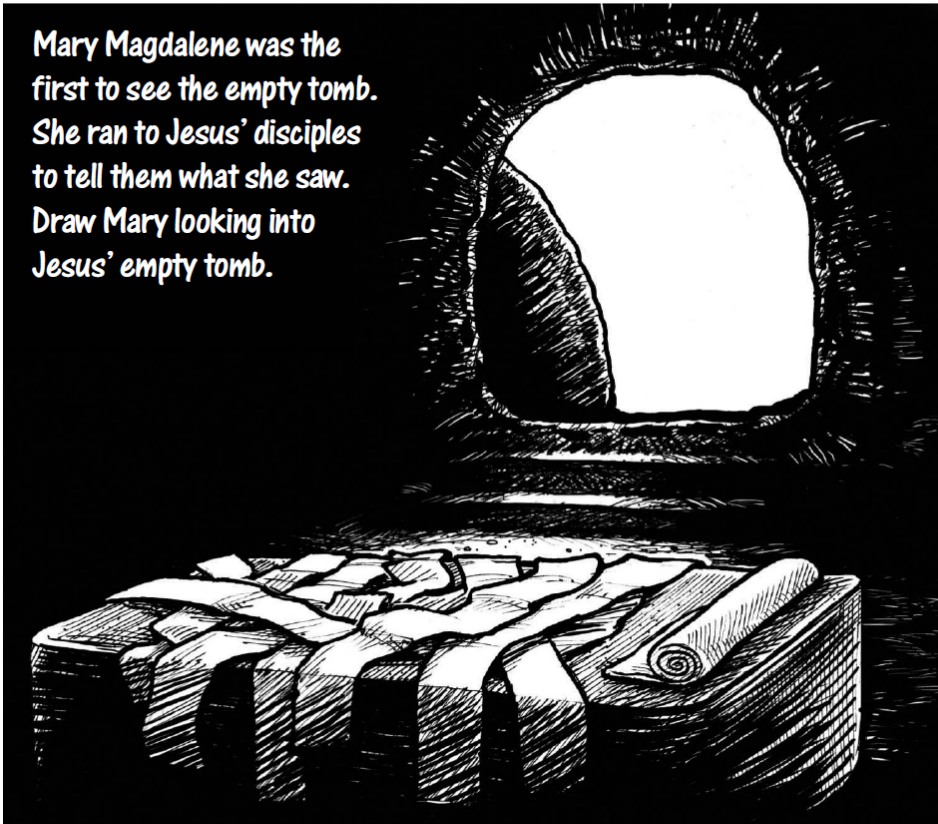
Miss McManus
PE Teacher



He is risen! Alleluia!

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Mary Magdalene was the first to see the empty tomb. She ran to Jesus' disciples to tell them what she saw. Draw Mary looking into Jesus' empty tomb.



Gospel Jn 20:1-9

After the Sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings,' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice!



What can you do to make people glad today?

Fill in the missing words below to find out what the letters in the boxes spell.

Mary M _____ went to the tomb.

"They have taken the _____ from the tomb", she said.

Peter was a d _____ _____ of Jesus.

The other disciple ran f _____ _____ than Peter.

He saw the strips of _____ cloth lying inside the tomb.

B _____ he did not go in.

When he saw _____ he believed.

The Scriptures s _____ Jesus would rise to life.