



# OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## 26 March 2021

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**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](http://www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au)

*Our Lady's is a Child Safe School*

*Heal me, LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise. Jeremiah 17:14*

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Every Friday Assembly online at 2.30pm

#### Thurs 1 Apr

End of Term 1 at 3.15pm

#### Fri 2 Apr

Good Friday

#### Sun 4 Apr

Easter Sunday

#### Mon 19 Apr

Start of Term 2 at 8.45am

#### Wed 21-Fri 23 Apr

Yr 6 Camp

#### Sun 25 Apr

ANZAC Day

#### Wed 28 Apr

Yr 3 Reconciliation 7.00pm

#### Thur 29 Apr

Yr 4 Reconciliation 7.00pm

#### Sun 16 May

Yr 4G Eucharist 5.30pm

#### Sun 23 May

Yr 4H Eucharist 5.30pm

#### Wed 23 June

Three Way Learning Conversations 3.30-6.00pm

#### Thurs 24 June

Whole school closure - Three Way Learning Conversations

#### Mon 26 & Tues 27 July

Whole School Closure - Staff Conference RE

#### Fri 12 Nov

Yr 6 Confirmation

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE 2021 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS (students do not attend school):**

**Thurs 24 June** Three Way Learning Conversations (students attend at their appointment time)

**Mon & Tues 26-27 July** RE Conference

**Mon 1 Nov** Report Writing

Dear Parents/Carers,

Next week I will be taking 3 days of Long Service Leave (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) and Mrs Christine Carabott will be Acting Principal in my absence. I 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 for all our children. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing Father Peter a blessed and peace filled Easter.

Thank you to the Our Lady's staff, students and parents for your ongoing collaboration and contributing to making this school such a vibrant learning community. Happy Easter to you all!

### Staff news

#### *Congratulations to Mrs Angelica Mendoza (5D)*

Mrs Mendoza will be taking maternity leave for the rest of the year. I know you will join me in wishing her every happiness as she and her husband Adrian await the birth of their bundle of joy, a new baby daughter. Mrs Mendoza has been at Our Lady's for four years and has contributed greatly to the Our Lady's school community. She is an experienced educator who has always demonstrated professionalism and dedication to all in our school community. We will miss you Angelica but we are so happy for you and Adrian.



*May God's blessings be on you both and your new baby girl.*

*Best Wishes and Good Luck!*



*Congratulations to Year 5 students who received the Sacrament of the First Eucharist last Friday!*

Parents, teachers, myself and Father Peter were all very proud of the reverent way you participated in the Mass. We enjoyed reading your personal reflections explaining what the Eucharist means to you. This Thursday at lunchtime the students enjoyed a special lunch together to celebrate receiving the Eucharist. A very special thank you to Father Peter, Kriss Oliver (RE/Learning and Teaching Leader), Miss Tosh Kaan, Mrs Angelica Mendoza and Mrs Marina Portelli.

### Passion Sunday Prayer

*Passion Sunday is the first day of Holy Week.*

*We remember what Jesus did for us.*

Dear Jesus, Lord and Redeemer, we know that when you entered the city of Jerusalem for the last time you were hailed as a king.

Later the people turns against you and forgot all that you had taught them. As we prepare to celebrate Passion Sunday we remember all that you did for us. May we never turn away from you. We give praise and glory to your name as the Redeemer of our world. Amen



### THANK YOU MS MCMANUS!

Pictured below is the Our Lady's Cricket Team and our PE teacher Ms Jo McManus. They are holding the captain of the Australian Women's Cricket team's (Meg Lanning signed and framed sports top that she wore when the Australian Team won the World Cup. Ms McManus entered a competition and won this incredible prize. Jo has kindly donated it to Our Lady's school. Currently captained by Meg Lanning (below right) and coached by Matthew Mott, they are the top team in the world and we now have the top which she wore when the team became world champions. This will certainly inspire the members of the Our Lady's Cricket team who are proudly holding the framed top below.



**Meg Lanning Australian Women's Cricket Team Captain**

### CANTEEN NEWS

The Canteen needs more volunteers for Thursdays and Fridays. Thank you to all the parents who have offered their help so far. If you are able to help from 1.00-2.00pm on Thursdays on Fridays please email Geraldine on [gwilliams@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au](mailto:gwilliams@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au)

We encourage you to order any snack items (other than tubes) through the Qkr app. This will reduce queuing at the windows and help everyone to maintain social distancing and less handling of money.

If you have received a yellow slip for lunch being provided for your child, please pay the canteen before the end of term.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM TERM 2

As the weather cools down in the beginning of Term 2 the children will begin to transition into Winter Uniform. I expect all children to be wearing their full winter uniform from May 3rd onwards. For the first couple of weeks of Term 2 parents can use their judgement based on the weather. Melbourne may still have a few sunny, warm days in store for us. A reminder that the Our Lady's Winter Uniform is available from the Uniform Shop next week on Monday and Tuesday or anytime on our QKR App. You will also be able to purchase the Winter uniform in the first 2 weeks of Term 2 on Monday, Tuesday or Friday mornings or on the QKR app anytime.



**A BIG THANK YOU TO  
ALL THOSE FAMILIES  
WHO HAVE PURCHASED  
THE EASTER RAFFLE  
TICKETS.**

**WE HAVE SOLD 504 TICKETS SO FAR  
AND HOPE TO REACH OUR TARGET OF  
600.**

**PLEASE HELP US ACHIEVE OUR TAR-  
GET!**





# OUR LADY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL SUNSHINE

Please come into the School Office to obtain an information package

## 2022 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN

OPEN DAY MONDAY 10 MAY  
(SUBJECT TO  
COVID REGULATIONS)  
TOURS AT 9.00AM,  
12.00PM & 2.30PM



WE LOOK  
FORWARD  
TO  
SEEING YOU!

Our Lady's School is a  
Catholic Primary School for  
boys and girls, serving the  
Parish of Our Lady of the  
Immaculate Conception,  
Sunshine.



### OUR VISION

In a spirit of unity and harmony,  
we strive to develop the whole  
person; providing an excellent  
education for all and inspiring  
our community members to live  
a Christian way of life.

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Principal Ms Patrizia Bertani email [principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@olsunshine.catholic.edu.au)

Yours sincerely,

*Patrizia Bertani*

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### CASUAL DRESS DAY FOR STUDENTS ON THURSDAY 1 APRIL (LAST DAY OF TERM 1)

All you need to do is make a donation to the school and you can  
come dressed out of uniform.

This will be a fun way to end Term 1.

**ALL MONEY DONATED WILL GO TOWARDS UPGRADING SECURITY  
AROUND THE SCHOOL.**





# Grade 5 First Eucharist



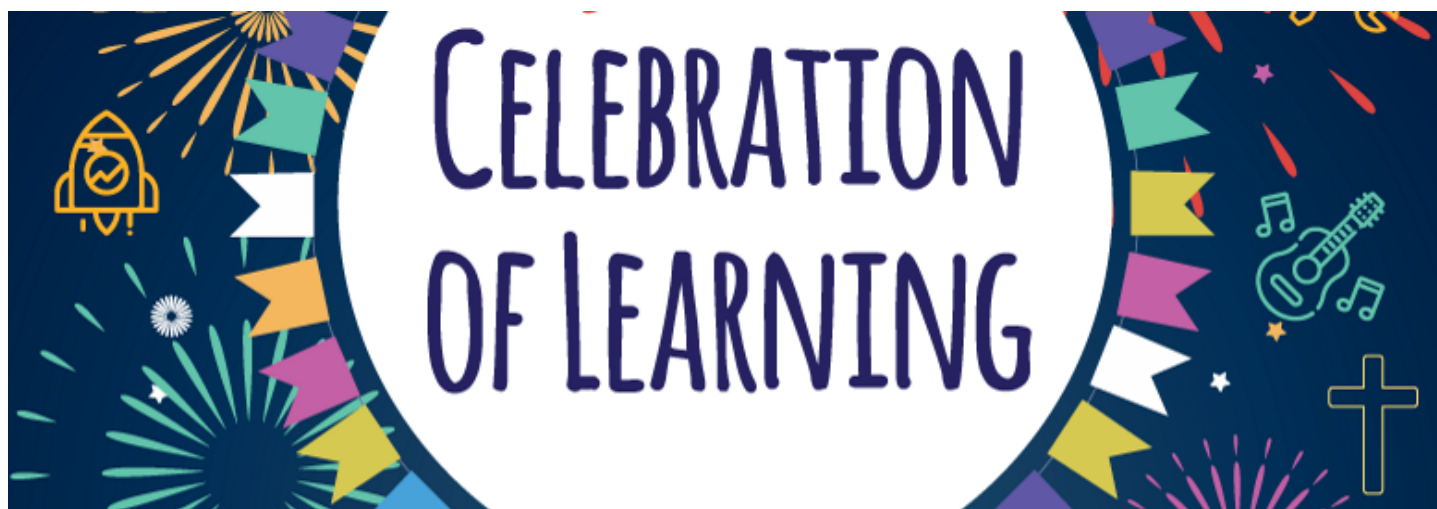




Grade 5



First Eucharist



### **FI from Ms Cam Tu**

**Casey** - For showing the Our Lady's School Value of Service. Casey, you are so compassionate to your peers and it never goes unnoticed. Well done!

**Mia** - For showing the Our Lady's School Gospel Value of Courage. Mia you have been very brave coming to school in the mornings. Keep it up!

### **FJ from Ms Wendy**

**Alyssa** - For making a plan to help her to learn, and acting on it. You are a great self-manager, Alyssa!

**Anabella** - For creating some very interesting drawings. You are using the Learning Asset Thinker when you think of new ways to draw things. Well done!

### **1K from Miss Scarpaci**

**Lucas. G-** For demonstrating the Our Lady's School Gospel value of Courage when you try your best and share your thoughts and wonderings.

**Justin C-** For demonstrating the Our Lady's School Gospel value of Service when you take great responsibility when completing class jobs and helping out around the classroom.

### **1L from Ms Steph**

**Ben B** - For always showing the Thinker Learning Asset during Discovery! Your creativity is endless!

**Tha Tha B** - For your hard work on your writing goal of using stretchy snake! I love the way you are sounding out new words!

### **2M from Ms Frost**

**Tling Za R-** for always trying her best in Maths, and for showing the Gospel Value of 'Respect' when speaking to her peers.

**Ram Nawm T-** for always being a kind and thoughtful member of 2M, and for showing the Learning Asset of 'Thinker' when completing his work

### **2N from Ms Howe**

**Skylar C-** For showing the Our Lady's Gospel Value of Compassion. Skylar, you actively live out Mary Mackillop's quote, "never see a need without doing something about it" in our classroom. You are such an asset to our school community!

**Mason M-** For being persistent with your writing goal to add more detail and working on your writing stamina. Mason, you have been working so hard and should feel very proud of yourself!

### **3E from Ms Karen**

**Ayce F** For writing an interesting persuasive text. Congratulations on your very tidy handwriting!

**Madeline F** For trying hard to improve her writing and being more careful when spelling words.

### **3F from Mr Howarth**

**Peter D** For using the learning asset "Self Manager" and being organised for class activities. You are listening more carefully and starting your work straight away. Well done Peter.

**Kayla M** For being persistent in all tasks and giving things a go! You are a very caring and friendly classmate and stu-



dent. Keep up the great work Kayla!

#### 4G from Ms Wood

**Stephanie** - for persisting during writing this week. Well done for taking on feedback and working relentlessly to make the work your best. Keep it up!

**Ari-** For working really hard on your persuasive piece for our upcoming expo.

#### 4H from Ms Robles

**Sophie-** For being an inclusive member of our classroom and being a great helper to Ms Robles.

**Ari-** For working really hard on your persuasive piece for our upcoming expo

#### 5C from Ms Kaan

**Max H-** For living the Our Lady's School Gospel Value of Compassion when you are a wonderful and caring friend to your peers.

**Epic Eve I-** For coming to school with such a positive and enthusiastic attitude. You make five 5C a bright and happy space!

#### 5D from Mrs Mendoza & Ms Marina

**Chloe F** - For thoughtful contributions during our Cyber Safety incursion. Well done for being a great thinker!

**Gerard F** - For showing courage and respect by leading the grade in thanking the Cyber Safety workshop presenter.

#### 6A from Mr Wickham and Miss O'Connell

**Curtis B** - For the work you did for your written biography. You were focused during each lesson and worked hard to complete the written task. Well done!

**Kobe P** - For showing the Our Lady's Gospel value of peace while working with your Buddy. You were calm and peacefully while reading your buddy a story.

#### 6B from Ms Gurry

**Keyley T** - For showing Our Lady's Gospel values of compassion and respect to your classmates. You do this by consistently showing kindness to others.

**Digby W** - For consistently displaying the Learning Asset of 'Thinker' in your learning and enthusiastically sharing your thoughts with others. Well done!



Mrs Balbata  
Miss Steph  
Harrison B 4H  
William O FJ  
Izabella T 6A  
Simon T 5C  
Adele M 3E  
Kei L FI  
Tom N FI

# EXTEND OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE.



## BOOK 14 DAYS IN ADVANCE TO SAVE MONEY!

Did you know the Autumn holidays are just around the corner? Now is a great time to start planning for Term 2. Book 14 days ahead to secure the early bird rate.

### ENROLMENT IS EASY AND FREE!

We understand plans can change at the last minute and that's okay. Extend is here to help! We recommend all families enrol for free. Enrolling is free, easy and ensures we have the right information to safely care for your child and... did we mention it's free? Once enrolled, you can book into any program - right up until the last minute!

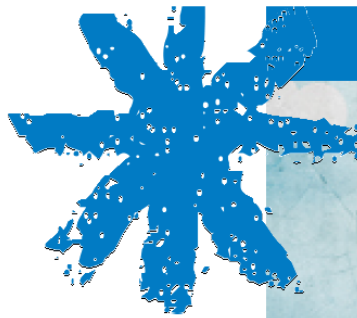
For more information about Extend's programs visit our **Before & After School Care** page at [extend.com.au](https://www.extend.com.au).



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## How to grow kids into leaders

by Michael Grose

Recently I bumped into Stephen, a friend's son in the local supermarket.

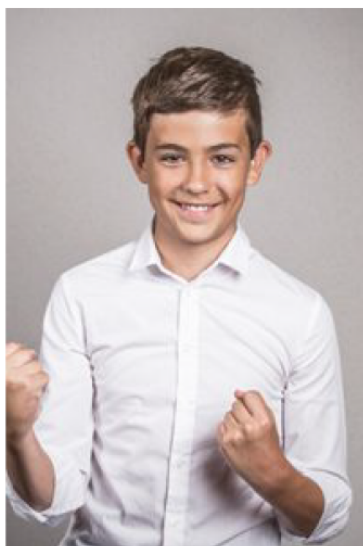
"G'day Steve\*. I hear you're School Captain this year."

Seventeen-year-old Stephen shuffled a little and looked down at his feet before he said, "Yeah, I got the job." His voice was low as if he didn't want the news to get out.

I continued, "Congratulations. You should be pleased with yourself. That's quite an honour."

Finally, a smile spread across his face as he said, "Yeah thanks for that. I'm stoked actually."

Stephen's reticence to accept praise I think was due partly to his modest personality and partly to the fact that he is not a classical school leader type. Academically he holds his own but he's not an outstanding student. He's not sporty, musical and he doesn't excel in the performing arts or other fields.



But he has leadership potential written all over him. He's a wonderful young man with solid values. He's very likeable, very caring and could be described as a 'doer'. He gets stuff done.

He's also raised by parents who have inadvertently nurtured his leadership potential by not molly-coddling him or over-managing him. Neither have they over-inflated his ego telling him how wonderful he is, even when his behaviour or efforts fall short of an acceptable level.

If you believe as I do, that leaders are made, not born then the way we raise our kids has a massive impact on their leadership potential.

**Here are seven ways you can foster rather than inhibit your child's or young person's leadership potential:**

### **1. Allow children and young people to experience risk**

Currently our community is risk adverse when it comes to our kids. It's a parent's job to protect our children and young people but that doesn't mean we completely insulate them from risk-taking behaviour. One European study found that if children don't play outside and have never experienced skinned knees and other small hurts, they frequently develop phobias as adults. Just as young children need to learn to fail a few times to learn it's normal,

teenagers need to experience some friendship break-ups along the way to appreciate the maturity that real relationships require. When we remove risk we increase children's dependence on others, which is the antithesis of strong leadership

## 2. Give kids a chance to solve their own problems

If your child left his lunch at home would you take it to him or her? If your teenager forgot a sports uniform would you take it to school if you were able? If so, you'd be inhibiting their resourcefulness by solving their problems or, alternatively, not allowing them to cope with inconvenience. Flexibility, coping skills and resourcefulness are trademarks of good leadership in both adults and young people.

## 3. Be realistic with praise

Stephen felt uncomfortable receiving my praise because it hadn't been overly lavished on him as a child or young man. He had to earn his parents' praise so he hasn't been conditioned to expect it as a right. Praise and feedback should be realistic and given sensitively rather than handed out like a nervous tic whenever children or young people do something well. Young people generally learn at some stage that their parents are the only people who think they're awesome, which can come as a rude shock when they hit the real world of the workforce.

## 4. Expect them to earn the right

A common trait among many children and young people is their strong and increasingly, false sense of entitlement. That is, many kids expect they have a right to (*pick any of the following and feel free to add to the list*): go where they want; use their mobile phone whenever they want; play in the living room without cleaning up. Alternatively, we can insist that children and young people earn their rights through hard work, responsible behaviour and being cooperative. Learning that a right needs to be earned, rather than something that's simply handed out to you, is a valuable lesson for an aspiring leader in any field of endeavour.

## 5. Focus on character

Currently as a community we neglect character at the expense of personality. In this current era of reality TV and social media it's not hard to get fifteen minutes of fame whereas in the past your spot in the limelight needed to be earned usually by applying yourself to a sporting, artistic or other endeavour. It's quite a turnaround. However, character strengths such as grit, conscientiousness and reliability rather than personality traits consistently appear in discussions about leadership. Parents can actively promote their character strengths of children and young people in many ways – including focusing on character in conversations; sharing stories where character paid off for them in their lives; and using every day examples of how character leads to success

Focusing on the above strategies won't necessarily mean that your child will hold a leadership position in primary or secondary school. There are many factors involved in holding a school leadership position and being made of the right stuff is just one of them. But the qualities and traits we nurture in children and young people today will manifest in our future community, sporting and business leaders. That's why great parenting matters.

\*Stephen is not the real name



### Michael Grose

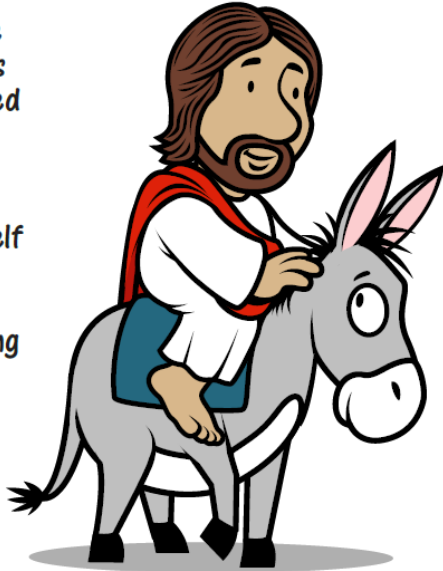
Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books for parents including *Thriving!* and the best-selling *Why First Borns Rule the World* and *Last Borns Want to Change It*, and his latest release *Spooned Generation: How to raise independent children*.



# Hosanna! Hosanna!

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year B**

A crowd of people came to see Jesus as he entered Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. Draw yourself amongst a crowd of people waving palm fronds at Jesus.



## Gospel

**Mk 11: 1-10**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, in sight of Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go off to the village facing you, and as soon as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, "What are you doing?" say, "The Master needs it and will send it back here directly."' They went off and found a colt tethered near a door in the open street. As they untied it, some men standing there said, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' They gave the answer Jesus had told them, and the men let them go. Then they took the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, others greenery which they had cut in the fields. And those who went in front and those who followed were all shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

Draw or write what happened on each of these special days during Holy Week.



## Holy Thursday



## Good Friday