



OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL

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OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE:

T: 9729 3411 (7.30am - 9am & 3.20pm - 6.15pm)



We acknowledge that we are on the land of the Wurundjeri and Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation'.



Reminders

➤ [Wednesday 17th March](#)

St Patrick's Day

➤ [Thursday 18th March](#)

Twilight Sports Carnival (4:45pm—7:00pm)

➤ [Thursday 1st April](#)

Holy Thursday / Last day of Term 1—1:00pm finish

➤ [Friday 2nd April](#)

Good Friday

Dear Parents / Carers,

Last week I mentioned how tired our students and staff were as we headed into the long weekend. This became more evident towards the end of the week (and indeed the start of this week!) when several members of our school community were absent through illness. I would like to thank those families that have followed the guidelines established by the Victorian Government where students should stay home if they are unwell. I am also grateful to the families that have also had COVID tests where necessary (and can happily report all negative results!).

TWILIGHT SPORTS UPDATE

We are very excited about the upcoming Twilight Sports next Thursday, 18th March on our school oval. In the past, our wonderful Parents & Friends group have provided a BBQ and drinks for sale as a fundraiser for the school. Given concerns around COVID-19 and food handling during this pandemic, we have decided that there will be no BBQ or drinks to purchase next week. Instead, we encourage our families to bring along a picnic/ hamper and set up on the oval with friends and family to enjoy the sporting spectacular! The students have been preparing for this special event during PE classes with Mrs Juchno, and of course, there will be opportunities for the annual toddler and parent races during the evening. While we plan to hold a teachers race every year, injuries are expected to prevent most, if not all, staff from participating this year! (we will save that for the musical production!)

SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES 2021

Last year was an amazing year of redefining how we, as school staff, can deliver the curriculum in difficult circumstances such as remote learning. Our staff embraced new concepts and digital technologies to help with communication with families, students and each other, and much of this new learning happened 'just in time!' In 2021, we plan to return to the strategic program of Professional Development for staff that has produced such high-quality results in previous years. As such, the following dates have been finalised as school closure days for staff Professional Development:

- Thursday 27th May
- Friday 28th May
- Wednesday 28th July
- Monday 1st November

Our PD program for 2021 has been designed to maximise participation from our school staff, as well as working with curriculum presenters who will be visiting to work with staff.

BUILDING WORKS UPDATE

I am sure many families have noted the Facebook posts by State Member for Bayswater, Mr Jackson Taylor MP regarding our exciting building program. I can report that I will again be meeting with the principal architect for our building refurbishment on Friday to continue to plan for our three new learning spaces, as well as the creation of a 'Specialist Hub.' At this stage, we still hope to be building in Terms Three and Four of this year.

SCHOOL MUSICAL PRODUCTION 2021

Plans are underway for our school musical production for 2021. As many will be aware, the production was due for 2020, but COVID restrictions in Term Three prevented this event from going ahead. Last week the staff had their first read-through of the script from renowned writer Brendan Williams- author of alliterative classics Monumental Mayhem, Scientific Saga and Digital Disasters. This latest work promises to be another rollicking adventure providing opportunities for our students and staff to sing, dance, act and entertain! More information will follow soon, including a change of venue for our performances!

Ross Williams
Principal

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Sunday 21st March 12-3pm

We are proud to showcase our College's dynamic and innovative learning community on Open Day through guided or self-guided tours.

No bookings required. Final tour departs 2.15pm.
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OSHC NEWS

Welcome to OSHC Term 1 2021. Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School OSHC – 10th March-2021

Dear Parents and School staff,

We're here to make Before/After School Care visits the best experience possible for you and your child. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to drop by, meet us and see what happens in After School Care first hand.

Note: No morning care for this week. If you need care kindly call 0448793271 or contact school a day before for morning booking - 0397293411

OSHC! - Program Details-

Our program for last week included children making pizzas and having them for afternoon tea along with a fruit platter. Last week the weather was good so children made the most of it by playing outdoors with hula hoops, soft balls and using walking blocks to walk tall. Children also played tennis as they were interested after watching the Australian Open matches on television.

Indoor activities were fun too. Children played with the doll house and figurines, colouring, puzzles and making banners for Chinese New Year 2021.

Next week children will have the opportunity to paint with leaves, do some colouring and read for relaxing time. Apart from board games and card games indoors, the children will be able to play outdoor games such as skipping, What's time Mr Wolf and free time on the equipment and sand pit.



From Juhi,
Marianne &
staff at OSHC

If you have any further suggestions, please let the OSHC team know



Calling all Baptism Certificates...

In order to ensure we have all records in place, could I ask any family whose child/children were Baptised in any church **OTHER THAN** Our Lady of Lourdes to send a copy, **if you have not already**? You can either leave it in the office with Mel or send it electronically to

cathy.carroll-browne@olbayswater.catholic.edu.au

Sacraments at OLOL in 2021

Following last year's postponement of First Eucharist, baptised students in **years 4 and 5** will be preparing to receive the sacrament.

Date for **First Eucharist (years 4&5)** is **Sunday 30th May** during 10 am Mass.

Reconciliation (Year 3) is planned for **Thursday 9th September** at 6pm.

Confirmation (Year 6) dates are determined by the Archdiocese. When we are allocated a date, we will let you know.

Pop the dates on the calendar and we'll all pray and keep our fingers crossed.

If your child is not Baptised and it's something you would like to explore or just chat about, don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office or myself.

Have a great week,

Cathy C-B

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TWILIGHT SPORTS

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The annual Twilight Sports for Our Lady of Lourdes will be held on **Thursday 18th MARCH**. It will be a **twilight** event. Children should begin to arrive at **4.45pm** so the event can commence at **5.00pm**. The night will conclude at approximately **7.30pm**. We welcome all our new families and hope you enjoy the evening.

Please note the following:

- All children are required to wear their sports uniform, school hat and have applied sunscreen. Team sashes will be given out at school on Thursday. The sashes are adjustable but may need a pin if they are placed over the shoulder. Smaller children can wrap the sashes around their waist. All sashes can be returned to the House Captains at the end of the night.
- **At various times children will be sitting with their families. They are to be supervised and remain with their parents until called to an event.** Please listen to announcements and follow the program to ensure your child arrives for their event.
- Remember to bring chairs, blankets, food and any other items you may require for a comfortable evening.
- Please encourage children to have something to eat and drink after school. Asthma medication should be brought and given as required.
- To ensure the safety of all attending the sports, we ask that once the events commence no games are played on the basketball court.

Many parent helpers will be required to help the night run smoothly. Please complete the form below if you are able to help in any way.

Myself and all Staff look forward to seeing everyone at the Twilight Sports.

Stef Juchno
Physical Education Teacher

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Please return if you are able to help at Twilight Sports.

NAME

CHILD'S NAME & GRADE.....

Thank you
Mrs Juchno

Do you have a current Healthcare Card?

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

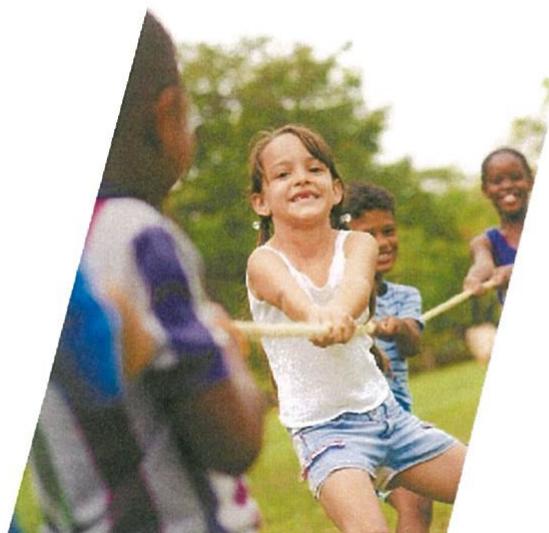
New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



**If you are the holder
of a current
Healthcare Card,
please let the office know.**

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If you have any queries or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 9729 3411.