



Important Dates

Harmony Day
Thursday 21 March 2024

Sports Day
Friday 22 March 2024

School Board Meeting @ 7:00pm
Monday 25 March 2024

Holy Week Liturgies
Monday 25 March 2024

Leaning Conversations
Monday 25 March 2024

SACPSSA Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 26 March 2024

Simple Living Day
Wednesday 27 March 2024

Holy Thursday
Thursday 28 March 2024

P&F Hot Cross Bun Recess
Thursday 28 March 2024

PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Good Friday)
Friday 29 March 2024

PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Easter Monday)
Monday 1 April 2024

PUPIL FREE DAY
Tuesday 2 April 2024

Year 4 Zoo Snooze
Monday 8 April 2024

Pop-Up Playgroup
Monday 8 April 2024

Whole School Prayer (Led by REMT) @ 8:55AM
Wednesday 10 April 2024

FROM THE PRINCIPAL - Josette Charles



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We often use the question 'How was your day?' when we first see our children at the end of the school day. The response we receive is likely to be either, "Good or bad. It was fine. It was OK".

Parenting expert and author Dr Justin Coulson recommends that parents skip the "How was your day" question and try a different approach by using these ten questions to engage your child in a meaningful conversation about their experiences at school.

TEN QUESTIONS TO REPLACE 'HOW WAS YOUR DAY?'

1. What was the best thing that happened today?
2. Did anything happen today that made you laugh?
3. Tell me one thing that you learned today.
4. What challenged you today?
5. What was the most interesting thing your teacher said today?
6. Who did you play with today? What did you play?
7. What did you eat for lunch today?
8. What is one thing you did today that was helpful?
9. When did you feel most proud of yourself today?
10. What are you looking forward to tomorrow?

The full ABC article can be accessed via this link: [ABC News How was your day?](#)

Learning Conversations

I hope these questions help you to gain more insight into the time your child spends with us here at OLOG each and every day. Over the next two weeks teachers will be holding Learning Conversations (formerly known to many as parent teacher interviews). The Learning Conversations are a valuable opportunity for parents, your child and teachers to work together in the best interest of learning and academic progression and personal development. If you haven't yet booked your interview time, I encourage you to do so. Interview bookings has been shared with all parents through Audiri.

Harmony Week 2024

Today OLOG celebrated Harmony Day, Everyone Belongs. Harmony Week, celebrated from March 18- March 24, is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

A splash of orange was very visible at OLOG as orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Today students engaged in a variety of Harmony Week activities.



After School Routines at Pick Up

The Front Gate area: Agnes Street is a drive through and pick up for children. Please have your family name displayed on your front windscreen for staff to direct children to your car.

Children being collected from the drive through area on Agnes Street are to:

Wait inside the supervised area behind the white line

Students are not to wait for parents at the bike gate.

Bike gate is for students access and leaving the school grounds with bikes

Students are to wait and not go off and play until being collected by the parent/caregiver at the drive through

We ask parents not to wait on the opposite of the school and call students through the traffic. We have been alerted to a couple of near misses with children being called to the opposite side of the road through traffic.

We ask your assistance with abiding by school rules at pick up after school.

Please also be mindful of speed and road rules when accessing our school from the surrounding residential streets.

We urge you to keep the safety of our families paramount when you are in our school and surrounding areas by following all road rules.

Sports Day

On Friday we will gather for our well anticipated Sports day. Children are excited about their participation and have engaged with many preparations helping them in their participation and excitement towards the day.

Children are asked to wear a plain T-shirt representing their House:

Siena- Green

Mackillop- Yellow

Dominic- Blue

Aza- Red

Sports Day begins at 8:50am and finishes at 1:00pm. Please ensure that children are presented to their teacher. Children are to be

collected at the end of Sports Day from their teacher.

Thank you to all parents for supporting and donating to the cake stall at Sports Day. The amazing array of cakes and treats has always been a huge success coordinated by the P&F and class reps.

Coffee Van Deja Brewing will also be present at Sports Day.



Holy Week

We invite all of our families to join us for our Holy Week Celebrations in Week 10. From Monday to Thursday we will be presenting the story of Holy Week. This week is a time of reflection and observance for Catholics worldwide, commemorating the final week of Jesus's life on Earth, his crucifixion and resurrection. Our classes will lead us through Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Good Friday at 9am on the basketball court. We invite all of our families to join us in remembering this important week in our faith.

Peace and Blessings

Josette Charles

Principal

FROM THE APRIM/LEADER OF LEARNING- Debbie Scuteri



Fifth Week of Lent

We are in the fifth week of Lent, the week before the week of holiness unfolds.

This is a time to remember that the spirit of Lent is all about renewal; renewing ourselves, our world, our relationships, creation and the environment. Over these 40 days, the season of Lent (which means "renewal") invites us to take on more deeply this spirit of renewal. Lent from this perspective, is more than "giving up" things.

Year 5/6 Mass

Yesterday the Year 5/6's celebrated Mass in Church with the theme of Lent and Prayer.

In this season of Lent we were reminded that by our sin we turn away from God; but prayer will help bring us back to him.



If you have been filling your small Project Compassion boxes, they can be given to the Front Office or myself in Week 9. Thank you in advance for any contributions that you can make however small they may be.

Below is a snippet from the fifth Week of Project Compassion and the work that they undertake.

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground, working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) to support communities living in urban slums in the Philippines. FCJ runs a number of programs that include house renovating, food processing, basic literacy skills, urban gardening, upcycling and income generating activities. They also have a clinic visited weekly by a doctor and community nurse.

Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Samoa to assist communities to have increased access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene to ensure human health and well-being by providing water tanks and sanitation facilities. Caritas Australia partners with the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi through the A+ program. Since 2016, the A+ program has helped 7,397 families across Malawi improve their food security, access to basic water and sanitation, boost women's income generation and strengthen child protection.

Joy and blessings,

Debbie Scuteri

APRIM/Leader of Learning

WELCOME TO OUR PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Our Lady of Grace provides a safe environment for all while valuing the partnership between school and home.

As a Catholic community we welcome and value our new 2024 volunteers.

Megan Carlin	(Finley RESB)
Svitlana Deruneis	(Emilia REMT)
Jessica Johnson	(George REMT)
Jennifer McFadyen	(Emerson REMT)
Tobiatha McFadyen	(Emerson REMT)
Troy Perriam	(Frank Yr 3/4MT)
Andrew Rusack	(Nicholas REMT)
Leigh Sack	(Mackenzie REMT)
Cho Ko San	(Ethan REMT)
Jane Walsh	(Edward RESB)
Cate Zanetti	(Charlie REMT)

These volunteers bring to our community a wealth of experience and will be able to assist in many roles throughout the school including classroom activities and assisting with class excursions, becoming a co curriculum sports coach or nominating for School Board.

To be able to volunteer at OLOG, we ask that you hold a current Catholic Police Check, a current Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect in Education and Care for Volunteers certificate and have completed the volunteer's application package and declaration.

If interested, please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information on how to volunteer at OLOG

This process ensures we maintain a child safe environment. To avoid disappointment, we encourage you to apply for a Catholic Police Check through the school office as soon as possible.

P & F SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH



FROM THE FINANCE MANAGER- Kerri Rowell



Thank you to those families who have established 2024 payment plans or noted intention to pay up front.

If you have not yet indicated your payment method or established your plan kindly do so this week.

Reminder to families wishing to access an up front payment discount, accounts must be paid in full by 31st March.

Families with accounts not paid in full must have entered into a payment plan arrangement

[PAYMENT PLAN APPLICATION](#)

For families wishing to access our low income fees, online applications for School Card are open now. Please click [HERE](#) to access.

If you wish to discuss your fees or payment plan arrangements don't hesitate to contact Kerri in Finance on 8177 9100 or finance@olog.catholic.edu.au

FROM THE LIBRARY ASSISTANT- Amber Mangan

PREMIER'S READING Challenge



This year, Our Lady of Grace School is once again entering the Premier's Reading Challenge. The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading and improve children's literacy levels.

The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and the 6th of September (Term 3, Week 7) and fill out the Reading Record. All students from Our Lady of Grace School are strongly encouraged to participate. They can borrow books from both our school library and public libraries which strongly support the Challenge.

Students from Reception-Year 6 will be required to read 8 books from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist at an appropriate literacy level. All books that are a part of the Premier's Reading List have been marked with fluoro stickers signalling appropriate literacy levels, Red for Reception – Year 2, Green for Years 3 – 5 and Yellow for Year 6 - 9. They may read 4 books of their own choice at a similar standard to the books on the list.

More information for parents and families regarding the challenge can be found at; <https://premierreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/parents-families/>

Once the Challenge has been concluded, awards will be given to all the children who participated and completed the challenge. Awards are determined by how many years the child has completed the challenge, rather than the year level the child is in.

We hope that you support your children through this exciting challenge. Happy reading!

STUDENT ABSENTEEISM REMINDER

Informing the school of absences

If your child is not going to be at school due to illness, or will be late due to an appointment, it is imperative that you inform the school by:

- Phoning the 24 hour student absentee phone number: 8177 9191 before 8.55am; or
- Completing the absentee form in the Audiri app; or
- By emailing the class teacher or olog@olog.catholic.edu.au

Advance Notice of Absence / absence of more than five (5) days

For advance notice of your child's absence, please complete the Application for Exemption from School Enrolment/Attendance Form, which is available from the Front Office.

Unexplained absence

If a child is not present and the school has not received an absentee call or email by 9:30am, the office will contact parents (generally via text) to ascertain the student's whereabouts.

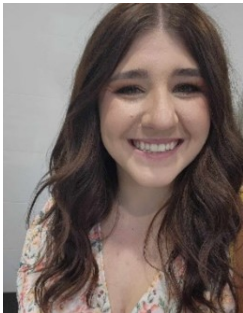
If your child is late

If your child arrives after 8:55am, they will need to enter through the Front Office and be signed in manually by a parents/caregiver via the IPAD (Passtab), then go to the classroom. If this process is not followed and the student has been marked as absent, an automated text message will be generated.

Early Departure

Should any child need to leave the school grounds during school hours e.g. dental/doctor appointment, parental permission must be given. All students must be signed out at the Front Office by their parent/caregiver before leaving the school.

FROM THE OSHC COORDINATOR - Amy Rossi



Hi everyone,

Can you believe it's already Week 8 of the term? Where has the time gone!

In OSHC, we have been doing lots of different craft activities recently, including making paper flowers, painting, creating bracelets and crowns. Everyone has been loving creating different Hama bead designs as well! Everyone's creativity is in full swing at the moment!

Coming up, we have plenty activities planned for Easter, and will be continuing our craft experiences, as they are so popular.

A reminder to families, please **check your bookings** and **book ahead of time** wherever possible – this ensures we can have the right number of staff at OSHC and that our quality of care is upheld.

Please also **bring back any forms** you've been given as soon as possible, I will be following up with families about that this week.

Have a great Easter everyone, and enjoy the break!

Amy

Activities coming up:

- Easter scavenger hunt
- Friendship bracelets
- Making Easter baskets
- OSHC board game tournament



Icy Thursday's are back!

Orders must be placed through Qkr! prior to 8:50am on Thursdays, \$1.00 per ice-block.

We invite donations of Berri Icy Tubes. These can be dropped into the front office. (Please refer to photo attached for Berri Icy Poles). Preferably no Zooper Doopers due to high sugar content.



PARENT CALENDAR & KEY DATES

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CLEAN AIR AT SCHOOL

Smoking and vaping are banned at this site
including within 10m of the boundary

*Tobacco and E-Cigarette
Products Act 1997*



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Stations of the Cross

Presented by Sacred Heart College and the Brighton Catholic Parish.

Friday 29 March 2024 at noon
Walter Park, Marcellin Campus

Donations for Project Compassion will be collected on the day.

Parking available in the surrounding streets, with limited parking available on the College grounds.



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Year 7 2026 Enrolment Applications
close Friday 12 April 2024



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