

Our Lady of Grace
School



Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 8 February 2023

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Faith and Wisdom

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I have come that they may have life and have it to the full. John 10:10

Acknowledgement of Country

We wish to acknowledge the Traditional custodians of the land on which we meet the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation.

We pay respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



OLG School Prayer



Dear God,
Guide our school in the way of
truth and goodness.
Grant us the wisdom and faith
to live in such a way that in
everything we do we bring
honour to God, our school,
our children and ourselves.
Our Lady of Grace
Pray for us.



Thank you



Our Lady of Grace School 2023

- 660 students enrolled in 2023 from Pre-Kindy through to Year 6
- 71 dedicated staff
- 8 new staff welcomed this year
- 12 Little Graces staff
- Allied Health
- Quality Relationship, 'Small school feel' House Days, House Shirt/Hat, Buddy program PP/Yr5 and Yr1/Yr 6, oval play, staggered recess, Little Graces plus a variety of play & learning spaces throughout the school



New Staff
2023   

Little Graces Out of School Hours Care



- Little Graces currently offers after school & vacation care
- Survey sent on School Stream to gauge interest in before school care. Survey closes this Friday
- Operates under Child Care Legislation.



Who are we as a broader community?

- Parish Priest - Father Hyginus
[Parish Masterplan Survey](#), School Stream
- 2022 CSAC Chair – Daniel Simpson
- P&F President – Joe Simpson
- Leadership Teams
- Student Leadership



Outline of Roles at OLG

- Role of School Advisory Council
- Role of P&F
- Class Parent Representative
(thank you Sam Burke, Co-Ordinator needed)
- Friend raising & fund raising



OLG Strategic Plan 2019 - 2023

[Click here to read the Strategic Plan Outline 2022](#)

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OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN 2020 – 2023



Life to the Full

Christ

At Our Lady of Grace School, we minister to all families modelled on the Holy Family's love of each other and love of God.

Focus on the Charism of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth in order to foster a Catholic community.

- Christian Service to families and staff during Covid
- Caritas and Project Compassion are highlighted in our House Days, fundraising.
- Donations to TONGA of 800+ non-perishable goods to help relieve the impact of the tsunami along with cards and letters for the children of Tonga
- Over 400 winter woollies items for homeless people - 3 car loads
- 73 Easter Egg hampers
- \$700 for LifeLine
- 70 Christmas Hampers (2020)
- Whole School ANZAC Day Service, plus Year 6 representation at North Beach RSL
- Live streaming of Masses and prayer during Covid
- Faith, Story & Witness 3 hour workshop provided to all staff

A rich and deep relationship is developed and nurtured with the Our Lady of Grace Parish:

- Parent/Child workshops for Sacraments
- Parent faith formation information sessions for Sacraments
- Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation Retreats for over 200 children
- Staff and parent participation in special Whole School Masses, including Thanksgiving Mass
- Parish led Easter Egg hunt on OLG school grounds
- OLG supported Parish led treats and coffee/tea after Masses where students led the readings & choir

Survey of parents, guardians, students and staff to determine the best outcomes for our school:

- Voice of the child:
 - School climate survey – staff, parents and students
 - Environment, Learning and Landscape Changes
 - Year 6 School Camp Survey
 - IT Usage for our Senior Years
 - Play options
 - Wellbeing data collection on Wellbeing Day
 - Little Graces Survey completed with the children

Empowering

We strive to ensure Catholic education is committed to excellence, continual transformation and meeting all Church and Government requirements.

Focus on Five Teacher Practices:

- The Growth Action Plan (GAP) developed by a team of teachers is now in action. The Plan is linked to the Five Teacher Practices and the Staff Wellbeing Strategy.
- Covid adaptations & swift movement to online learning
- Semester One parent teacher meetings moved to online
- Professional Learning for all staff in 2022, from understanding ADHD, Autism, Mathematics Problem solving & IT Integration.
- Sounds Write program x 4 PL days provided to 20 staff
- Other PL days this year included Early Careers Teaching, Leadership in Wellbeing, Brightpath Mathematics Assessment & Data Analysis, Pedagogical Leadership Course

Expand opportunities for all students to develop critical, creative and higher order thinking skills.

- Staff at OLG give a considerable amount of their time above and beyond their classroom and school wide work – in fact over 1000 hours! Extra opportunities provided include:
 - Lego club with Mrs Lloyd
 - Gardening club with Mrs McKenna
 - Craft club - selection of House Day events, Mrs Gerber & Mrs Sherlock
 - Chess club @ lunchtime
 - TOM - 5 teams in regional events, 2 in state final, 1 in international final
 - Sounds Write x 4 PL volunteer days x 20 staff
 - Robocup - classes held after school over a period of 6 weeks, Mrs Fenlon
 - Library Monitors & Book Club, Mrs McKenna
 - STEM Club with 30 students over 2 hours per week, Mrs Lloyd & teacher helpers
 - Year 4 Dance Performance at the Convention Centre for the Contemporary Dance as part of the CEWA Performing Arts Festival. Miss Trinder, Mrs Tzalcas, Miss McGregor
 - Orchestra/guitar performance in the Music Studio, Mrs Goldie & Music Tutors
 - Angelico Art Exhibition participants, Mrs Dead
 - Junior and Senior Choir (performance this year as part of the Catholic Performing Arts Festival) Mrs Goldie
 - Mathematics Extension, Mrs Fenlon
 - Midnight in the Library, Ms McKenna & Mrs Sherlock
 - Creative writing extension
 - Bouldering, Mr Short
 - Run Club - average of 50 students per week, Mr Short & Mrs De Cinq
 - Surfing Lessons - 30 students per week, Mr Short & Mrs Hardwicke
 - Circus Club - 40 students per week, Mr Short & Mr Butler
 - Gymnastics with Northern Districts Gymnastics Club before school for Years 1 & 2, Mr Short
 - Little Graces Vacation Care Program, Mrs Doyle, Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Brennan, Mrs Sherlock, Mrs Spadacini

Transforming

We strive to be responsive to the diverse needs of students. We seek to provide access to Catholic education especially for the marginalized and disadvantaged.

Provide visual recognition of Aboriginal Culture and land in the school environment.

- Reconciliation Week activities were completed throughout the week across all year levels. These included artwork, kangaroo sausage tasting for all children and educational lessons on the history and its significance today.
- Acknowledgement of Country signage around the school
- We include Acknowledgement of Country before prayer at all significant gatherings and in all presentations.

Develop a leadership and governance structure appropriate for a triple stream school.

- 5 year maintenance plan document completed and approved
- Project for a new toilet block in the Early Years has been completed
- High level working Groundsman employed to complete maintenance work
- The Environment Committee and P&F have approved a project to redevelop our spaces outside Year 1, 2, 3 and MPA/Canteen to enable room for children to play and learn outside
- On site school canteen operates daily
- Physical Movement Specialist employed to run before and after school activities. This year we have completed run club, bouldering, surfing lessons, Circus Club and gymnastics. The role also undertakes an assessment in Kindy for fundamental movement skills. An intervention program, where required is offered to identified students.
- Little Graces Out of School Hours Care up and running, including Vacation Care provided across all school holidays.
- New MPA sound system installed

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Compassion

Central to our identity as a Christ-centred community are our partnerships with families, Parish and the wider community. We are a Catholic pastoral community that enhances parent and student engagement.

Communicate to the Parish and wider community the unique qualities of Our Lady of Grace School.

- Invitation to school events extended to Parishoners, such as Christmas Carols and Nativity Plays
- Insertion of flyers in the Credo promoting our school and the special and unique ties our school has with the Parish
- Date regarding our contribution to the Parish St Vincent De Paul chapter in 2022 include:
 - Over 500+ Easter Eggs with 73 family baskets
 - A weekly basket of food from Year levels attending Mass on Wednesday's
 - 800 Individual items of food collected during House Days
 - Staff Christian Service opportunity provided a dozen homecooked and frozen meals for St Vincent De Paul.
 - Reachout Roster with parents regularly donating cooked meals to those in need

Prioritize the safety and wellbeing of students.

- During Covid we implemented more frequent train breaks, split recess, Christian Meditation 3 times per week, longer recess breaks.
- Celebrating Mother's Day and Father's Day with different heartfelt experiences at two breakfasts.
- Learning enrichment activities such as RoboCup and TOM (Tournaments of the Mind), including a trip to Canberra.
- Continuation of Highway Heroes and Bullying Policy and the resources purchased for parents to read at their leisure available in reception
- Wellbeing Day for not just the children, but parents and staff which proved to be very successful

OLG School Community Mass

Saturday 27 August 10:00am

Come together with OLG families to hear the Eucharist when our children and staff join in the celebration of praise and thanksgiving. Afterwards please join us for a shared meal. We look forward to seeing you there.

Extra Curricular Activities

- Science for PP - Year 6 (extension of Specialist Teaching)
- STEM Club
- Robocup
- Coding
- Lego Club
- Gardening Club
- Tournaments of Mind (TOM)
- Junior & Senior Choir
- Run Club
- Musical instruments
- Art Extension Group Yr 4-6
- Circus Club
- Surfing lessons
- Table tennis etc



OLG Policies, Practices & Management

- 5 teacher practices (2019)
- Wellbeing strategy (2020)
- Anti bullying policy (2021)
- ICT Policy (2022) (garmins/smartwatches,iPads,mobile phones etc)
- Student engagement and behaviour management (2023)
 - Staff → Student → Parent input
- Concerns and queries?
 - Timing & urgency
 - Teacher → Assistant Principal → Principal
 - Complaint & Dispute Resolution available on [our website](#)

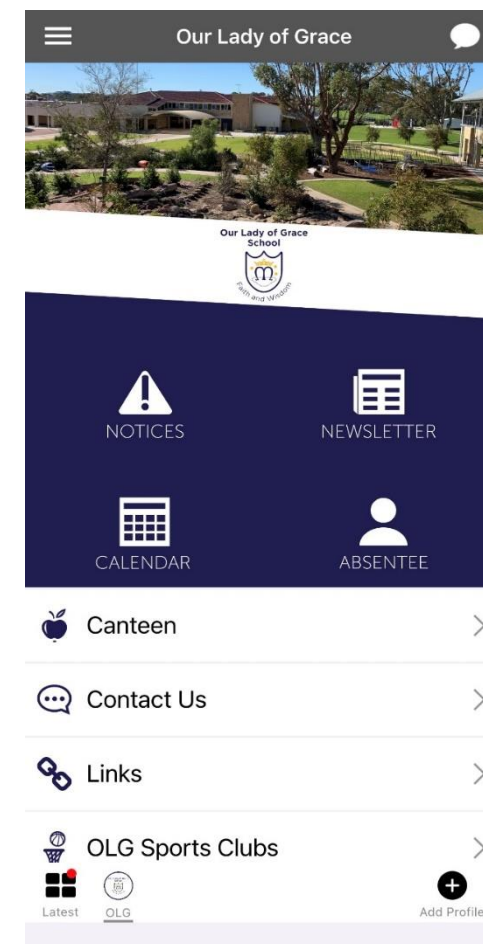
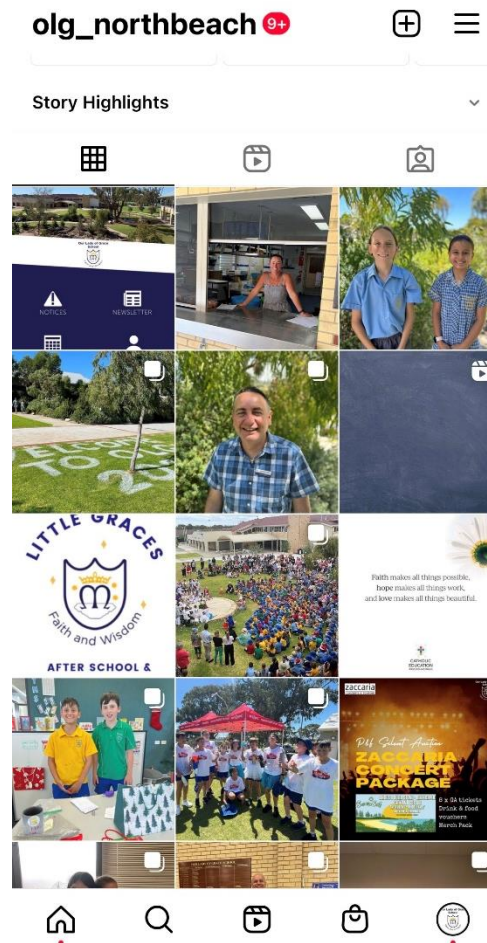


Communication Term 1 - 4

- Religious Education Letter
- Highway Heroes Letter
- Keeping Safe Letter
- Parent Information Evening
- IEP Meetings – identified students Term 1
- Parent/Teacher Interviews Term 1
 - week commencing 27 March
 - online booking released 20 March
- Digital Portfolio - Seesaw
- Semester 1 Report
- Parent - Teacher - Child 3 way Interviews Term 3
- IEP Meetings Term 3
- Semester 2 Report

Channels of Communication

- School Stream
- Weekly Newsletter
- SEQTA
- Emails (business hours & 24 hours to return email)
- Social Media - instagram, facebook, twitter
- URGENT – reception
- Beware the doorway interview!



Spiritual & Cultural Life at OLG

- Parish Masses
- Sister Anita (Chaplain) & Sister Helen (Pastoral care and Year 5/6 tutor)
- Sacramental Program Years 3, 4, 6 (new meeting added this year)
- Christian Service for Sacraments
- Choirs - Junior and Senior
- NAIDOC & Reconciliation Week
- Loose Parts Play
- House Days
- Wellbeing Day
- LAP
- STEM Day



- Performing Arts
- Mother Foundress Day
- P&F Events
- Science Week
- Class volunteers
- Grandparent's Day
- Mother's Day
- Father's Day
- Outdoor learning spaces in courtyards



OLG Vision Statement

Our Lady of Grace
School empowers all
children through faith,
wisdom and knowledge
to live fulfilling lives in an
ever changing world.

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