



Celebrating 70 Years

Parent Information Evening

Tuesday 6 February 2024

Our Lady of Grace School
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

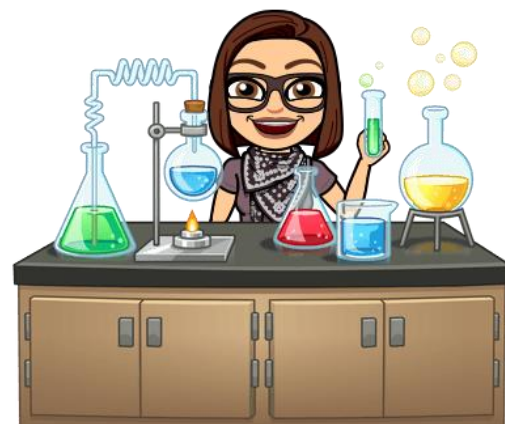
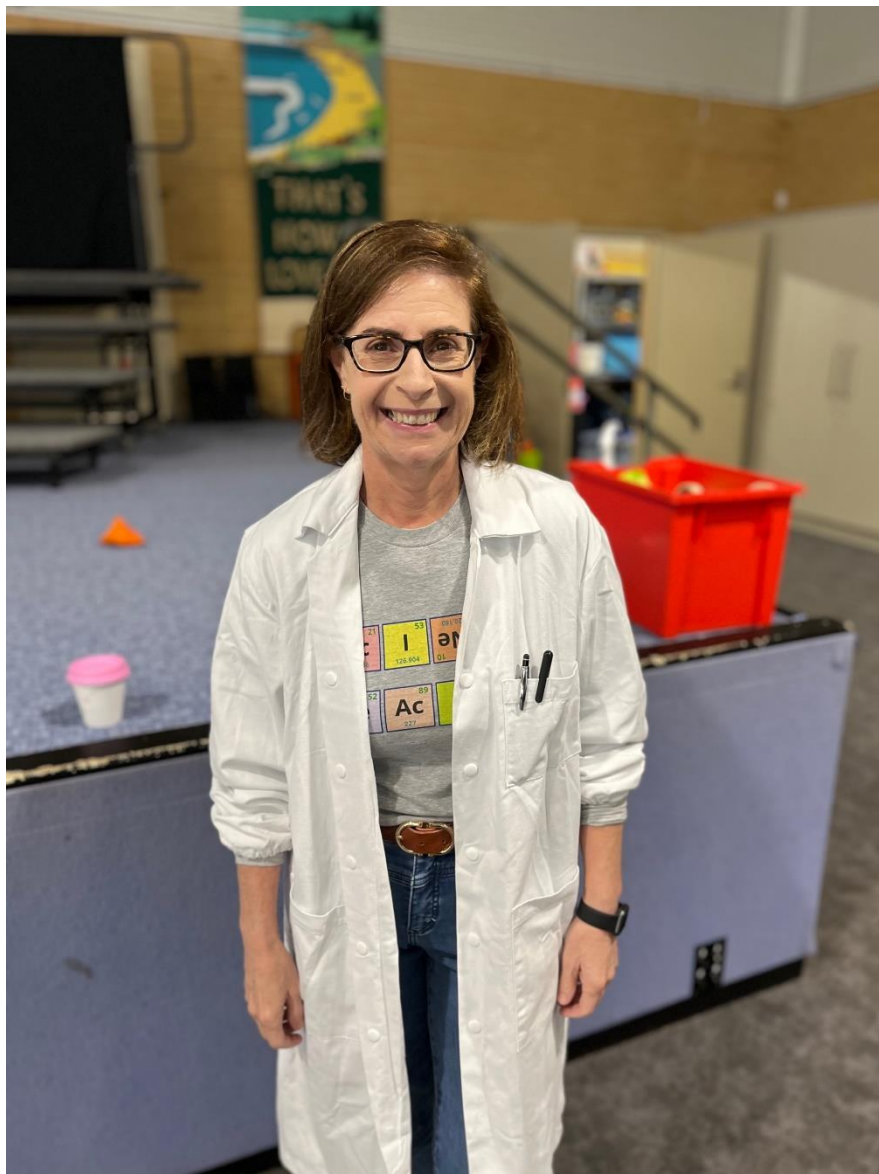
Dear God,
Guide our school in the way of
truth and goodness.
Grant us the wisdom and faith
to live in such a way that in
everything we do we bring
honour to God, our school,
our children and ourselves.
Our Lady of Grace
Pray for us



Thank you

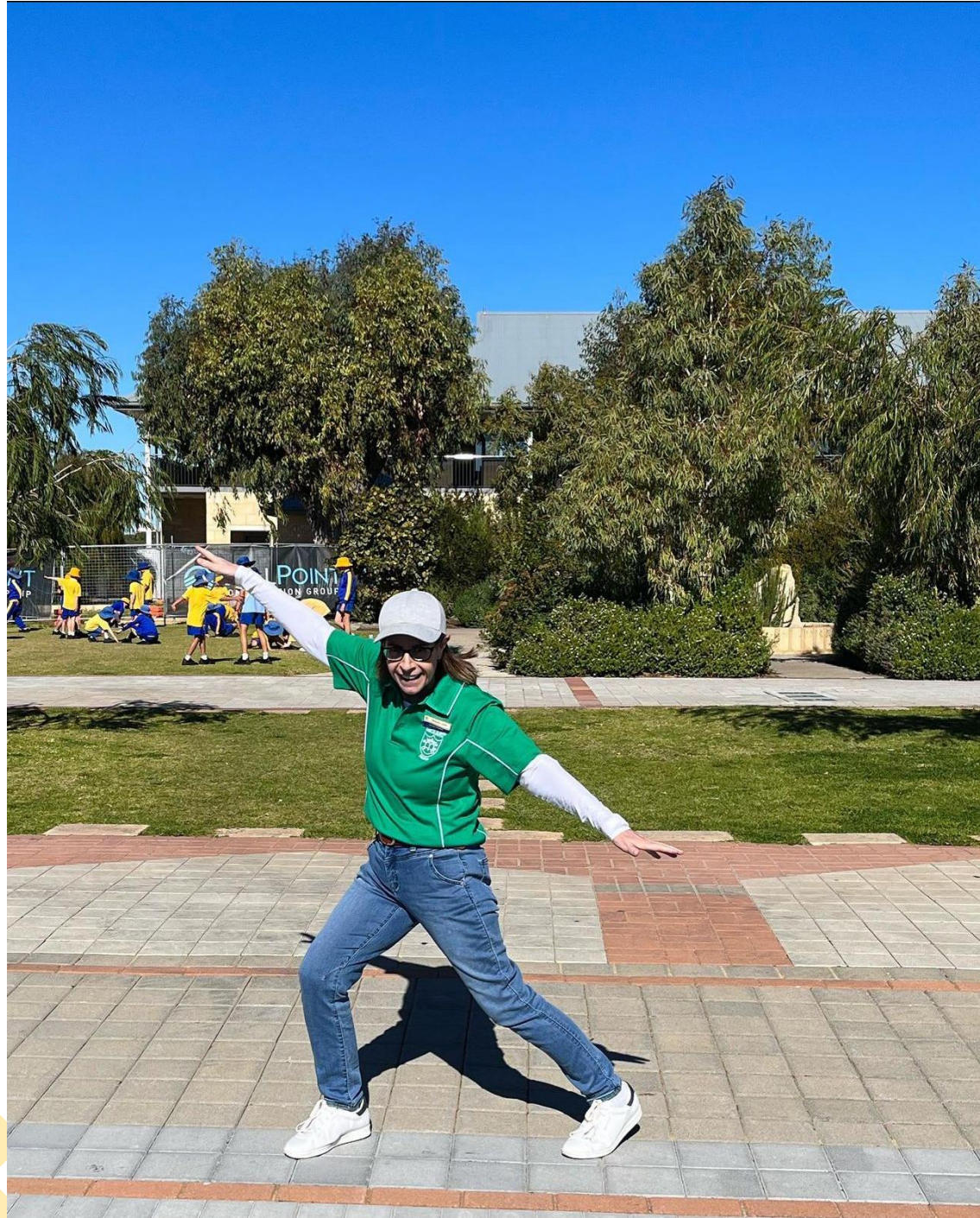
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STAR WARS





Our Lady of Grace School 2024

- 668 students enrolled in 2024 from Pre-Kindy through to Year 6
- 71 dedicated staff
- 10 new staff welcomed this year
- 8 Little Graces staff
- Quality Relationships, 'Small school feel'
 - House Days, House Shirt/Hat,
 - Buddy program PP/Yr5 and Yr1/Yr 6
 - Oval play, staggered recess,
 - Little Graces
 - A variety of play & learning spaces throughout the school



Little Graces Out of School Hours Care

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- Little Graces currently offers after school & vacation care
- New enrolments welcome
- Operates under Child Care Legislation



Who are we as a broader community?

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- Parish Priest - Father Hyginus
- 2023 CSAC Chair – Daniel Kiely
- 2024 P&F President – Paul Gonzales
- Student Leadership
- School Leadership Team
 - Extended Leadership Team
 - Instructional Leadership Team



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7 March 1954

- Our Lady of Grace Church is blessed and opened by Archbishop Prendiville.
- Solid brick with folding doors that could divide the interior into three rooms or remain open as a hall.
- School is run by Dominican Sisters
- Opens with 46 students in Years One to Seven
- Their convent is at 2 Kitchener St



1958

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are invited to take over the schools at North Beach and Gwelup when the Dominicans opened a new school in Doubleview(Holy Rosary)

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Charism of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth



- Finding God in the everyday
- Ministering to all families modelled on the Holy Family's love for each other and love of God

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OLG Vision for Learning



OLG Vision Statement

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

Our Mission is what we do to achieve our Vision.

In the tradition of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, the School fosters a Catholic community of charity and hope, nurturing students to develop personal excellence, compassion, and conscience through an ongoing commitment to Jesus' teaching.

Our Lady of Grace Early Years Learning offers a developmentally appropriate Catholic environment that fosters the holistic development of your child in a safe, inviting and engaging setting.

We believe that quality collaborative relationships between our Parish, school families, staff and wider community will empower your child to further develop their own identity, voice and wonder about God.

Learning in the early years occurs through play and building on the strengths and interests of your child. We commit to play based pedagogy balanced with intentional, explicit teaching.

The Principles of Belonging, Being and Becoming and the Five Teacher Practices provide the basis for our

We believe in developing and

**Christ Centred
Child Focused**

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OLG Strategic Plan



OLG Strategic Plan 2019 - 2023

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[Click here to read the Strategic Plan Outline 2023](#)

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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

- Charism of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth is embedded in our Vision for Learning
- The 4 virtues evident within our learning environment, including weekly Virtue Awards
- Prayer occurs regularly in various settings around OLG, including weekly prayer assemblies

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

- Parishioners were invited to attend various events this year such as Grandparent's Day, Mother's Day, Nativity etc
- Regular weekly communication in the CREDO
- PREP students involved in our Sacramental Retreats
- St Vincent de Paul donations - Easter Egg and Christmas Hampers, food, winter clothing, toiletries etc

Survey of parents/grandparents to determine their strengths and wishes for the students.

- Regular climate surveys have been undertaken, with an active use of sharing data. Community consultation undertaken for our outdoor learning spaces project.
- Narrative at school events to continue to include and recognise the input of Grandparents. Our annual Grandparents' Day is an important feature on the calendar.

Review the Religious Education Curriculum and how we teach. Have specific lessons focusing on opportunities to "make a difference" in the lives of others linked with Vision for Learning charity, compassion and conscience

- The Religious Education Program at OLG is reviewed consistently and a pedagogical approach taken.
- Religious Education Awards presented each year for each class

Develop a scope and sequence for Christian Service

- Student voice a part of retreat and camp planning each year
- Christian Service is a part of Staff Professional Development
- Sacramental Program to include Christian Service



Empowering



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

Whole school teaching and learning strategy, knowledge of contemporary pedagogy is developed and implemented.

- 3 outdoor learning spaces developed in courtyards in Year 3, Year 1/2 and near the MPA
- The Hive has been redesigned to be a contemporary learning space with the focus on books, information access and the love of reading with various seating options, an outdoor garden and reading nooks.

Early Years Learning Framework Principles and Play Based Intentional Teaching is embedded in the Early Years Pre Kindy to Year 2

- The Early Years Charter has been used as a working document over the last 4 years.
- Non-Government school standard External Audit conducted and passed

Focus on Five Teacher Practices: Quality Relationships ~ Instructional range ~ Learning design ~ Place, space and technology ~ Engagement

- We have completed 2 Climate Survey's for parents to provide feedback
- PL Days completed to develop best practice in Literacy and Numeracy for all teaching staff
- Staff professional development ongoing & regularly undertaken in Mathematics Problem Solving.

Seamless integration of ICT from Pre-Primary to Year 6. Expand opportunities for all students to develop critical, creative and higher order thinking skills. Extension of iPad program and IT Conference for parents led by the students

- Our dedicated IT team developed an IT strategy and rolled this out to students. This educationally appropriate document is consistently referred to within each year level.
- Teacher/parent education and support for integration of ICT into the curriculum, including Year 4 ICT Conference initiated



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

- Weekly inclusion in the Our Lady of Grace Parish CREDO
- After surveying and consulting the parent body, an engagement and communication strategy was developed
- We have increased enrolments at OLG to 90% occupancy
- CREDO and communication to Parish
- Offer to Parish Master Plan by CSAC to use school facilities to host Parish groups in the evenings

Prioritise the safety and wellbeing of our students

- The CEWA Child Safe Framework is fully implemented
- Child Protective Behaviours is taught as well as Keeping Safe
- A Student Code of Conduct has been developed and implemented
- Diverse opportunities are provided to all students to develop physical capabilities, confidence and collaborative skills through:
 1. Thinking skills/problem solving
 2. Physical activities
 3. The Arts
 4. STEM
 5. Buddy program
 6. Play
 7. Zero to Hero, Highway Heroes
- Play is an integral part of each child's day - including before school, during and after school. Examples include regular brain breaks, OLG Sport Clubs such as basketball and netball, summer and winter carnivals, run club, surfing lessons, bouldering as well as our swimming and athletic carnivals.



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.

Identify opportunities in the curriculum and daily life of the school to celebrate cultural diversity. Provide visual recognition of Aboriginal Culture and land in the school environment.

- Acknowledgment of Country is included before prayer, assemblies and other significant OLG School events
- 2024 will see the development and introduction of an OLG Reconciliation Plan

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

- Each year our budgets are well thought out and prepared, with the aim to prioritise support for families
- As we are nearly a full triple stream school, planning for future resourcing is paramount
- This year saw the development of underutilised areas in our school grounds, turning them into usable outdoor learning areas for students
- Our 2 maintenance employees have developed a strong and targeted maintenance and upgrade plan
- A well thought out Risk Management Plan has been developed and used consistently
- Governance, structures and policies are robust, responsive and accountable
- Staff selection process in place to attract diversity of staff and include various salary levels and leadership positions.

What is Wellbeing?

“Feeling good, functioning well
and doing good for others”



Outline of Roles at OLG

- Role of School Advisory Council
- Role of Parents & Friends
 - *Welcome Back Picnic postponed to next Friday 16 February due to forecast heat*
- Class Parent Representative
 - *(thank you Rae Webb – we require a new rep for 2024!)*
- Volunteering at OLG



Co-Curricular Activities

- STEM Club
- Robocup
- Coding
- Lego Club
- Gardening Club
- Tournaments of Mind (TOM)
- Junior & Senior Choir
- Run Club
- Musical instruments
- 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)
- 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](#)

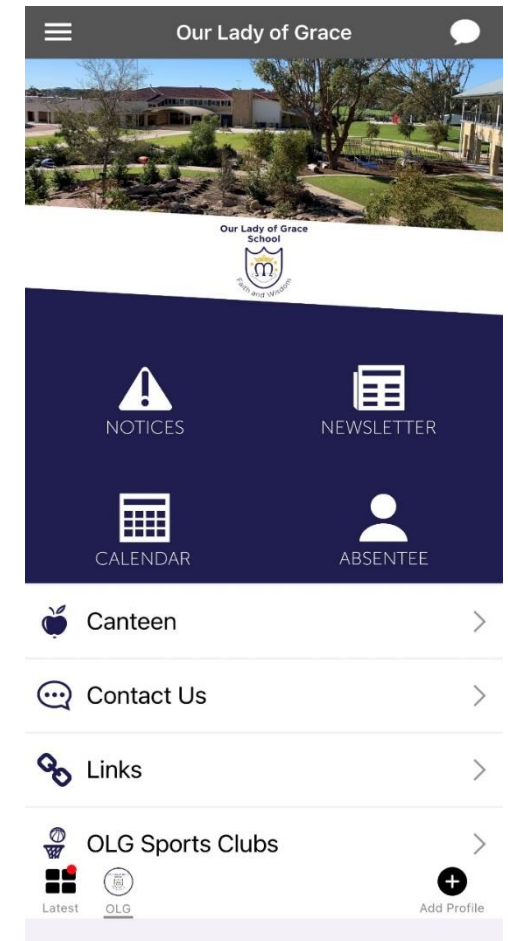
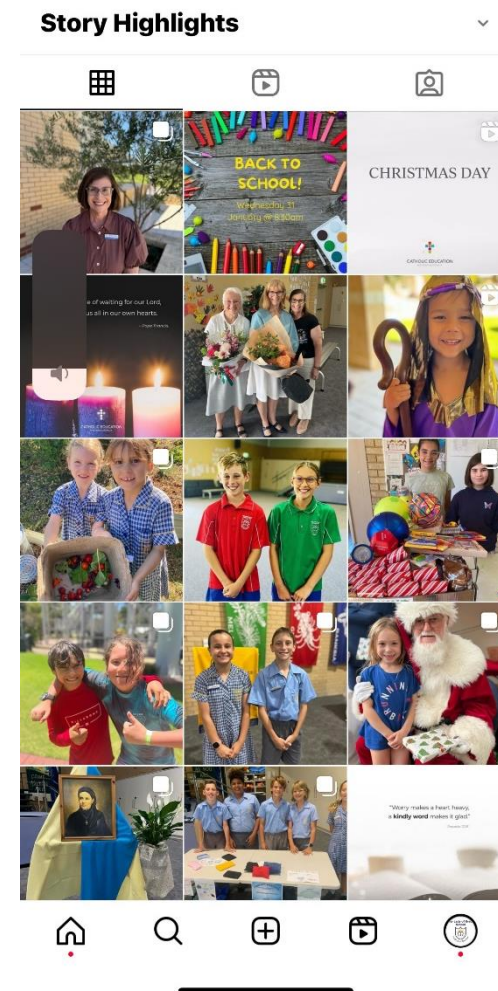


Communication Term 1 - 4

- Religious Education Letter
- Highway Heroes Letter
- Keeping Safe Letter
- Parent Information Evening
- IEP Meetings
- Parent/Teacher Interviews on Tuesday 12 March
- Digital Portfolio - Seesaw
- Semester 1 Report
- Parent - Teacher - Child 3 way Interviews Term 3
- IEP Meetings
- Semester 2 Report

Channels of Communication

- School Stream
- Weekly Newsletter
- SEQTA
- Emails (business hours & 24 hours to return email)
- Social Media - Instagram, Facebook
- URGENT – reception



Spiritual & Cultural Life at OLG

- Parish Masses
- Sister Anita (Chaplain)
- Sacramental Program Years 3, 4, 6
- Christian Service for Sacraments
- Choirs - Junior and Senior
- NAIDOC & Reconciliation Week
- Loose Parts Play
- House Days
- Wellbeing Day
- Book Week



- 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





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