

NEWSLETTER NO. 30 TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15th 2015



On Monday morning at Assembly we prayed the following as a reflection on our Making Jesus Real work this term:

Today we pray that we will believe in ourselves and develop
Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts by
giving encouraging words that will help everyone in our School grow,
making life happen by putting in our best effort.

We pray that we will see and celebrate the God moments in our world by
stretching the moment,
by taking time to think and remember the beauty in our lives.

We pray that we will be examples to others by
using encouraging words,
showing welcoming actions,
remembering to say thank you,
remembering to be bucket fillers and not bucket dippers.

We pray that we will try to act with self – discipline by
being winners and grinners, not moaners and groaners,
being claimers not blamers,
being tolerant, understanding and patient.

We pray that we will be a shining light to others around us by
having a positive attitude,
being a one-percenter.

We pray that we have a safe and happy holiday and remember to
Make Jesus Real at home during this time by
saying thank you,
being positive,
thinking of others not just ourselves.

Lord, help us to Make Jesus REAL in our lives.

WANGARATTA PARISH MASSES

Masses for this weekend are:

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| * Saturday | 6.00 pm | St Patrick's |
| * Sunday | 8.00 am | St Patrick's |
| * Sunday | 9.00 am | Our Lady's |
| * Sunday | 10.00 am | Moyhu (cancelled until end of September) |
| * Sunday | 10.30 am | Whitfield (1st Sunday) |
| * Sunday | 10.30 am | St Patrick's |
| * Sunday | 5.00 pm | Latin Mass at St Patrick's |

RECONCILIATION

Early next term enrolments will be called for children, who are typically in Year Three, to be part of the Parishes of Wangaratta Sacramental program, that starts with Reconciliation and then moves to Confirmation and First Eucharist next year. The program usually starts early in Term Four with families meeting over a month as they prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament normally late in November. Interested families may like to start discussing this program in readiness for the call for enrolments.

BUILDING UPDATE

I am happy to report that finally the relevant letters have been sent and that the planning for the builders to be onsite now is back on. You should see fences go up later this week although they may wait until the holidays so that they don't need to work around the traffic and children. The planning for the colour scheme will take place on Wednesday and the ordering of materials has been given the green light. As Term Four starts we should see a great deal of action.

LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders have now finished for 2015. During Term Four the P & F will be looking at alternative lunch order options for 2016. We will keep you updated on what the outcome of this is in due course.

We would like to thank Sherwin Williams who took on the co-ordinators role this year and did a great job and thanks to all those who offered their time over the last two terms to help out.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

There will be a School Board meeting tonight at 6.30pm which will focus on 2016 Fees & Levies, Communications Policy, 2016 School Photos provider, School app, Camps & Excursion Policy, 2016 Swimming & Camps program and additional security for the school.

2016 COMMUNICATION RESPONSES

Over the past few School Board meetings we have discussed possible changes to communication at the school specifically with the publication of the newsletter. As part of this newsletter we are seeking insight into a number of areas that may support the decisions we make in changing the way the newsletter is compiled and delivered and how we might provide and collect information. If you didn't complete and return this form last week please do so by the end of this week. We would like all families to complete this form.

TERM THREE REPORTS

As we have a different arrangement for Teacher Advisor meetings this term, Term Three reports will be sent home with the eldest child in each family tomorrow Wednesday September 16th.

END OF TERM THREE

School for Term Three finishes **THIS FRIDAY September 18th at 2:10 pm.**

School buses will run as normal, just an hour earlier in the afternoon.

HATS

All students MUST wear a school hat as from the start of next term. If students do not have a school hat to wear at school, they will be required to sit under the verandah of the hall for all of Recess & Lunch as well as being unable to participate in any outdoor class activity.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU RENAME YOUR CHILD'S HAT CLEARLY.

If your child needs a new hat they can only be purchased from the school office at a cost of \$10-00.

TERM FOUR UNIFORM

Families might like to spend a little time over the holidays planning their uniform for Term Four. All students will need a school hat at school for both Term Four and Term One next year. Below is the uniform for Summer:

Boys

Red short sleeve polo shirt with white logo

Bottle green shorts with white logo

Black or brown sandals/shoes/boots

White or grey socks

Bottle green school hat (with logo)

Girls

Red short sleeve polo shirt with white logo

Bottle green shorts with white logo or bottle green skirt

White and bottle green check dress (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday only)

Black or brown sandals/shoes

White socks

Bottle green school hat (with logo)

Sports uniform - Boys and Girls (currently worn on Wednesday and Friday)

Red short sleeve red polo shirt with white logo

Bottle green shorts with white logo

Sports runners

White socks

Bottle green school hat (with logo)

JEWELLERY

Children are permitted to only wear a watch, sleepers or studs and any medical alert jewellery.

HAIR TIES/ BANDS

All long hair is to be tied back- this applies to both girls and boys. It is preferred that all hair ties or bands are either green or red.

NAIL POLISH

No nail polish to be worn to school.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS SLEEPING PATTERNS/SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

One challenge that we have at the start of each term is the adjustment that the students have as they return to school after the holidays. At the start of Term Four we also have the change to daylight saving time.

Families are asked to consider how they will tackle sleeping over the last weekend of the holidays so that your children settle easily into their learning next term. Consider your bedtime routine, look at what times they are expected to be in their rooms, think about limits of television, aim to reduce screen time, plan to read together or maybe think about a steady return to school night patterns prior to the last weekend.

BISHOP'S HOLIDAY

Every second year when the Bishop comes to celebrate Confirmation/First Eucharist schools are given an additional Pupil Free Day. We will be taking this day on Monday November 2nd.

2016 BRIDGING CENTRE (GRADE THREE/FOUR) CAMP

We have booked our Bridging Centre Camp for 2016. It will be an overnight camp to the Great Aussie Holiday Park, located on the banks of Lake Hume outside Albury, from Thursday September 1st 2016 to Friday September 2nd 2016. More details regarding the cost etc. will be provided to families later this year.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

Our expectations focus for this week is "Students who take responsibility for their own actions in a positive way":

Be Ready to Learn: By supporting others with their learning
Committing to doing your best as often as you can

Be Responsible: By taking responsibility for your own actions and moving on and encouraging others to do the same
Thinking about how I can solve a problem

Be Respectful: By showing leadership through your actions even when it is hard

There was no PowerPlay Raffle winner drawn last week.

ASSEMBLY THANK YOU

At our start of the week Assembly we take the time to give thanks for a number of actions or efforts members of our community make. This is done to not only highlight positive behaviour but also give language to actions that we expect the students to take. This week we say thank you for the following:

- To everyone who makes decisions that include others
- To those who welcome, encourage, say sorry when needed and thank others
- For the co-operation shown with school photos
- To members of the Leadership Centre who were such wonderful ambassadors of our School when filming for the ANZAC Centenary
- To everyone who enters and leaves the hall quietly
- To everyone who has made the last two weeks so successful

NEWSLETTER

We would encourage as many families as possible to elect to receive their copy of the newsletter electronically. If you would like to do so please email Julie at jmcmoig@olwangeratta.catholic.edu.au

Mark

FOUNDATION (PREP) CENTRE NEWS

The end of Term Three has come very fast. We are well and truly settled into the hall and look forward to the building commencing. The Foundies have had a great term of learning and we are excited for a fabulous Term Four.

Please remember to get school hats sorted for Term Four. The children will be expected to wear their hats for all outside activities after the holidays.

I would like to wish you all happy and safe holidays and hope that you get to spend some family time together over the coming weeks. Happy holidays!!

Thanks
Annabel and Netti

DISCOVERY (ONE/TWO) CENTRE NEWS

We have reached the final week of Term Three. What a great term it has been with lots of action to keep us busy. We wish all families a happy and safe holiday!

Student reports will be sent home tomorrow. There will be no Teacher Advisor meetings this term. If you have anything you wish to discuss with either of us, you are welcome to pop in after school during the week.

We encourage students to continue in their excellent approach to home reading and spelling words, as this will only assist them when they return in Term Four.

In the classroom this week:

Literacy: Students will gather in their Inquiry groups and look at each of their individual letters they have written to the Council. Following this, they will select one of the letters within the group and type it on a laptop. Students will also take part in handwriting rotations, where they will work in small groups and take part in handwriting, plasticine, beading and Raz Kids activities.

Maths: We will be learning about time. We will have some students working on times to the hour, to half the hour and quarter to/past the hour. They will be pairing up analogue times with their corresponding digital time and analyzing the two. Some students will also be taking part in timetabling activities where they will need to carefully look at a timetable in order to work out when certain events may be happening.

Religious Education: Students will be looking at the Lord's Prayer, as well as Luke's Gospel 11: 1-4 and comparing the two, looking at what is the same and what is different. Students will also draw a picture of Our Lady's Church and draw people at prayer. Later in the week, students will take part in some guided meditation and create some prayer cubes to bring home over the holidays.

Inquiry: Students will be presenting their playgrounds and letters to the Council to the Foundation students.

Have a great week,
Laura, Josh and Danni

BRIDGING (THREE/FOUR) CENTRE NEWS

Thanks for all the support that you have given to us this term. It has been a busy one but a productive one! We now look forward to our next term together.

This Thursday we will be having Assembly in Our Lady's Church 2.00pm. At this Assembly the children from the Bridging Centre will present a 10 minute rap called 'Little Red Rockin' Hood'. The children have been working on this in their Performing Arts classes with Mrs Griffin. You are most welcome to join us!

Our Religious Education unit at the moment is Jesus Models Forgiveness. This week we will look at decisions we have to sometimes make in order to gain forgiveness. We will carry this unit over into Term Four as some of the children in our class prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our Parish Program 'Steps In Faith.'

We continue to work on missing numbers in equations in Maths this week. Our strategies for solving written Maths problems are improving, as is our automatic response in multiplication.

This week we will spend the first couple of days finishing off assessment tasks in Literacy and Inquiry. The children have keynote presentations on Dr. Seuss and 'Force and Motion', poster activities and stories to complete. Wednesday and Thursday we will present these activities to each other. Most children have worked hard this term and have some very good work share.

There will be no formal homework this week. The children have been asked to work on completing their Dr. Seuss activities.

*'There are so many things you can learn about,
but you'll miss the best things if you keep your eyes shut.'*

Dr. Seuss

Happy Holidays!

Cathie, Liz, Jenny & Celia

LEADERSHIP (FIVE/SIX) CENTRE NEWS

No news this week.

P & F NEWS

UNIFORM ORDER THROUGH BLACK VENOM

An order form for new uniform items available for purchase through Black Venom is included in the newsletter. Orders and payment will need to be back to the school office by **THIS Thursday, September 17th**. **Please note orders will not be accepted after Thursday.** Delivery will be after the school holidays.

Supplies of the boys grey pants and girls checked dresses are currently still available from the office (\$16-00 each) however we may move this to Black Venom as well for the next order at the end of Term Four.

GARAGE SALE

The P & F are running a Garage Sale again this year on Sunday October 18th from 9.00am to 1.00pm. There is a flyer outlining all the details in the newsletter. To book a stall or for further information you can contact Cassie on 0499005799.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Tuesday | September 15 th | School Board meeting 6.30pm |
| Friday | September 18 th | End of Term Three <u>2.10pm finish</u> |
| Monday | October 5 th | Start of Term Four 8.45am |
| Sunday | October 18 th | Garage Sale 9.00am to 1.00pm |
| Monday | November 2nd | Bishop's Holiday – Pupil Free Day |
| Tuesday | November 3rd | Melbourne Cup Public Holiday |
| Friday | November 20 th | Transition Session 2.00pm to 3.00pm for 2016 Foundation Students Information Session 2.00pm to 3.00pm for Parents of 2016 Foundation Students |
| Thursday | November 26 th | Transition Session 9.00am to 11.00am for 2016 Foundation Students |
| Friday | December 4 th | Transition Session 2.00pm to 3.00pm for 2016 Foundation Students |
| Tuesday | December 8 th | Orientation Day |