

NEWSLETTER NO. 31 TUESDAY OCTOBER 6TH 2015



Our Vision

*"That Our Lady's Parish be a community modelled
on the Gospel values of Jesus Christ."
Inclusiveness, Celebration, Engagement,
Mission, Discipleship.*

Students in the Foundation class they are looking at Our Church as part of their Religious Education unit. In this unit students will discover that people belong to the Church. They will begin to develop an understanding of Church as a welcoming and caring community that gathers together to celebrate. The following prayer helps us reflect on the work that they are doing as they focus on our Church.

*We thank you, Lord, now for Our Lady's Church of which we are members,
and for the Holy Spirit at work amongst us all.*

Be with those who lead us in our worship of you.

*We pray your blessing on all who share with us in the life of Our Lady's,
that we may all grow in a knowledge of your love.*

We pray that as a community we may be aware of the needs of others.

We rejoice in the knowledge that Jesus is alive and lives in each one of us.

*May we show our our commitment and our love to him,
and in doing so receive his Spirit in our lives.*

*Help us as children of your family to respond to them by our understanding,
by our actions, by our support and by the love we show each other.*

*We make this prayer through your loving Mother
who our Church is named after.*

Amen.

WANGARATTA PARISH MASSES

Masses for this weekend are:

* 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
* 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 MEETING – TONIGHT

A reminder that there is a meeting TONIGHT, for the parents of those children in Grade Three who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation next month. The meeting will be at 7:00pm and will be held at St.Patrick's School.

HATS

All students MUST wear a school hat during Term Four. 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.

BUILDING UPDATE

Well it has finally started!

Premier Building and Constructions, under the direction of Ashley Cooper, have started the rebuilding of our school. The first phase will be demolition and preparation. So far the bulk of the asbestos has been removed, taking advantage of the holidays, the toilets have been removed and the Grade Five/Six area has been cleared. Work will soon start on the Grade Three/Four areas and next week the Foundation/One/Two rooms will be cleared.

We have had a few issues with the discovery of asbestos tiles under the ceramic tiles in the toilets, problems with the condition of the fascia along White Street and with some old termite damage which have required some additional planning and cost. Hopefully after the full demolition has been completed any further variations to the project will be known.

AFTER SCHOOL MOVEMENTS OF STUDENTS

With the erection of the building fence, access to the school from White Street has been cut off. The children who are being picked up from White Street will walk via the front of the school, supervised by a staff member, to the bus shelter so that this can continue. Bike riders and walkers from White Street will be held back until the traffic clears so this might add about five to ten minutes to their journey home. We would appreciate any feedback on what you are seeing as the students are heading home with these new arrangements. Our wish is to make this process as safe and effective as possible.

TOILETS

The access that students have to toilets has changed. Whilst in the hall students can use the internal toilets. When outside in the playground, we are asking older children – Year Two and above, to use the church toilets whilst the younger students (Foundation & Grade One) can still use the hall toilets. There will be supervision in the hall at Recess and Lunch to help out with this arrangement.

LEARNING AND SLEEP

Each year at this time I reflect on the need for learners to have adequate amounts of sleep for them to function at their best. We have the change to daylight savings coinciding with the start of a new term which often results in some children not getting the appropriate amount of sleep to get them through the school day. We all know what it is like for us to try and function when we are tired and this is true of our students.

All families need to assess what are the best arrangements for all children to get the correct amount of rest to give them the best opportunity to learn at school. Consider carefully times that children start their bedtime routines, their sleeping arrangements, whether screens should be in bedrooms and what time they are expected to wake.

NAPLAN RESULTS

We still have some NAPLAN results that haven't been collected as part of our Teacher Advisor arrangements for the end of Term Three. Please contact your child's teacher if you haven't received this information to arrange a time to get together.

FAMILY SPORTS NIGHT

Each year we have held an informal Family Sports Night. We have been waiting to see how much of the oval would be taken by the building program and now that this is clear, we have decided we can run the night this year. It will be on Thursday October 22nd starting at about 5:30pm. All family and friends are most welcome. More information in the next couple of weeks.

ZONE ATHLETIC SPORTS – THIS FRIDAY

Congratulations to Billie Stemmer, Hope Plecas, Kirsty Spinks, Declan McClellan, Emma Allan and Lily Harding who have all been selected to represent Our Lady's School at this Friday's Zone Athletics Carnival which will be held at the Athletics Complex in Appin Street. We wish them all the best in their respective events.

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.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

Our expectations focus for this week is "Students who are positive listeners":

Be Ready to Learn: By getting ourselves ready to listen

Be Responsible: By knowing and showing when and where to listen

Be Respectful: By using behaviours that allow others to listen and learn

Power Play Focus: Students who are positive listeners

Congratulations to Abby Newton, Mary Lovel & Bella Belton who were the winners of the last PowerPlay Raffle.

BREAD DAY

A reminder that tomorrow is bread day.

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 jmcmomig@olwangeratta.catholic.edu.au

Mark

FOUNDATION (PREP) CENTRE NEWS

Welcome back to Term Four everyone! We hope you all enjoyed the holidays. The final term of the year is usually very busy as we consolidate lots of learning and enjoy some great experiences.

LEARNING THIS WEEK:

Maths: We will revisit 2D and 3D shapes. The children will be exploring some more complex language and vocab based around these shapes and identifying them in our environment. We will also have a go at making some 3D shapes out of different materials.

Literacy: Our Literacy focus for reading is comprehension of text and comparing how authors depict characters differently. The children will be asked to choose a character that they would like to be, based on prior knowledge about that type of character and explain why, recording their ideas in writing/drawing. It's really important that the Foundies have the opportunity to relate events in stories to their own experiences, this shows a great understanding and comprehension of the story. We will also continue using story maps to develop our understanding of the setting of the story.

We will also focus heavily on letter formation this term. The Foundies have all started to write simple sentences and it's important that they develop correct letter formation and size. Using lower case and capital letters appropriately will also be a focus.

Religious Education: We begin a new topic titled 'Our Church'. This is a time to reflect on the who and what of our Church. We will explore the different parts of the Church and then learn about the people who make up our Church.

DRINK BOTTLES AND HATS

It's really important that **all** children have a drink bottle at school as the weather warms up. Children really need to stay well hydrated in order to make the most of their learning time throughout the day. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle at school that they can refill when needed.

All Preps were given a school hat at the start of the year. Most of these have been kept at school on the trolley where the children keep their drink bottles. If your child has lost their hat could you please drop into the office to purchase a new one – cost \$10-00. Everyone needs to wear their hat for all outside activities during Term Four.

Thanks
Annabel and Netti

DISCOVERY (ONE/TWO) CENTRE NEWS

Welcome back to Term Four. We hope everyone enjoyed a happy and safe holiday and are ready to kick start a busy end to the year.

It was great to see that some students have been continuing with their learning of their spelling words and keeping up to date with home reading over the holidays. It is critical not to underestimate the importance that home reading and practice of spelling words has on your child's literacy development. Although this may seem repetitive, this is a good thing as children are getting constant exposure to a great bank of words to build up their vocabulary.

A reminder that as we are now into Term Four and the sun is shining, it is important for students to have and be wearing their school hat outside at all times. Students who do not have their school hat at school, will be asked to sit under a sheltered area during Recess, Lunchtime and all outdoor class activities. This will be implemented as of tomorrow. If students need to buy a hat, please visit Julie at the office to purchase a new one – cost \$10-00.

In the classroom this week:

Literacy: We began our week by having students take part in their recount writing, by telling us about an event they took part in over the holidays. Students were also introduced to our new big book for the next two weeks- 'Bunyip in the Billabong'. Students were asked to work in groups of four and come up with an adjective and verb they thought would be in the book. Later in the week, we will read the book and discuss if those words were present and if there were any synonyms or antonyms to those words.

Maths: We are beginning our term by looking at place value. At the end of last term, students took part in a pre-test to see where their current learning was in relation to this topic. Groups were then formed based on the needs of each student. Students will be involved in several independent activities focusing on reading, making, writing and ordering numbers, working with number lines and also looking at 10/100 more/less.

Religious Education: We begin our new unit 'We are Growing in God's Love'. Students will begin by reading the text 'Boo to a Goose' and discussing the term 'Individuality'. We will talk about our own personal gifts and draw a picture of our own special gift. We will conclude our week by completing a collage of all the unique qualities and likes that make us special and individual.

Inquiry: We begin our unit 'Living and Playing Safely' by discussing 'What is Safety?' Students will draw a picture of what they think safety is and as a whole group, come up with a definition. Students will also watch a video looking at safe and unsafe behaviours and categorising them into the different areas.

Have a great week
Laura, Josh & Danni

BRIDGING (THREE/FOUR) CENTRE NEWS

Welcome to Term Four. We hope everyone has had an enjoyable and restful holiday and have come back refreshed for a busy term. The children have started the term positively and have all settled back into the daily routines of school very well and with great enthusiasm. We were very excited to arrive at school yesterday to see that our refurbishment has finally started!

In Literacy our writing focus is Poetry. This week we will begin with writing acrostic poems using the children's names to describe themselves. This connects to our Inquiry unit 'Amazing Me'. Our focus in punctuation is looking at hyphens to join two words e.g. merry-go-round. The spelling focus for this week is homophones. Homophones are words that sound the same but are spelt differently and have different meanings e.g. new & knew.

In Maths this week we begin a new unit on measurement. We will focus on length where children will use centimetres and metres to measure various objects and spaces.

This term in Religious Education we will finalise the unit 'Jesus Models Forgiveness.' In this unit we have worked on the concept of forgiveness and have discussed times that Jesus forgave and was forgiven. During this term we will also begin the Sacramental journey for some of our Grade Three children, as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

This week we begin our new Inquiry unit 'Amazing Me.' During this unit children will describe the stages of human development across the human lifespan. They will identify the six stages of human development - prenatal, infancy, childhood, adolescence, adulthood and old age. As they grow their bodies change and as they grow their relationships with family and friends are important. There will be discussions about our changing bodies, the growth of a child before it is born and discussions about birth, including a short DVD of a baby being born. This unit also coincides with our Religious Education unit 'Life Relationships' we are about to begin. A letter explaining this unit was sent home with children yesterday. Please let us know if you haven't received it.

For homework children were given a survey about when they were born and were a baby. It would be wonderful if you could please help your child fill these in and send them back to school as it will be used for the posters they will complete in the classroom. Children are also asked to bring in a photo of them as a baby, toddler and child. These will be photocopied and originals sent straight home.

Please remember that during this term school hats need to be worn each day during Recess, Lunch and all class outdoor activities including sport. Bucket hats can be purchased from the office at a cost of \$10-00 each. If children do not have their school hat at school they will need to sit under the hall verandah whenever they are outside.

Have a great week
Liz, Cathie, Jenny & Celia

LEADERSHIP (FIVE/SIX) CENTRE NEWS

Welcome back to Fourth Term. I hope you were fortunate enough to enjoy some 'me time' with your family over the September holidays. I spent most of mine clearing my block in readiness for the forthcoming bushfire season. Our Natural Disaster theme last term ensured that I practice what I preach.

Our first Mathematics unit for the term will deal with Mental Strategies and Fractions. You could play the 'Four Fours' game at home. Your child will need a pencil and sheet of paper. The task is to use four fours and any operations to make the numbers 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

E.g. $4 + 4 - 4 \div 4 = 1$
 $4 + 4 + 4 \div 4 = 3$

Have your child make three equivalent fractions for $1/2$, $1/3$, $1/4$, & $1/5$.

What is a mixed number? What is a denominator? What is a numerator? Where would you use fractions around the house?

Spelling and Maths homework has gone home this week as usual. Remember to encourage your child to set aside a reading time each night and actively discourage screen time. Can you remember Mum 'choofing' you outside and telling you to come back when it's dark?

Our first Religious Education unit is called 'Sacramental Life' where the children will look at the focus questions: Why do we have Sacraments? How can the Sacraments influence my life? In this unit your child will focus on Sacraments as a sign through which the Christian community celebrates God's loving presence. He/She will look at each of the seven Sacraments and the importance of each one in the Catholic context. Your child will look at the appropriate rituals and symbols associated with each Sacrament.

Our school's overarching theme for this term is 'Healthy Communities' while the Leadership Centre's topic is 'Our Health, Our Responsibility'. It is an Inquiry into concepts of identity, the use of strategies to support self-worth. Safety skills and strategies to recognise and avoid harmful situations; physical and social components in the local environment that contribute to wellbeing and address the health needs and concerns of the local community; identification of healthy eating practices and an explanation of some physiological, social, cultural and economic reasons for people's food choices.

The 2015 Year Five NAPLAN results have arrived. Please pop in to see me at your convenience so that I may go through the results with you and provide a copy of your child's Naplan Report. I am available after 4:30pm on Mondays and Tuesdays and after 3:15pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Website Of The Week: <http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/default.aspx>

Kind regards
Greg & Christie

P & F NEWS

P & F MEETING

There will be a P & F meeting tomorrow, Wednesday October 7th at 9.00am in the staffroom. Everyone is most welcome to come along.

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

Tuesday	October 6 th	Parent Reconciliation meeting 7.00pm at St. Patrick's School
Wednesday	October 7 th	P & F Meeting 9.00am
Sunday	October 18 th	Garage Sale 9.00am to 1.00pm
Tuesday	October 20 th	School Board Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday	October 22 nd	Family Sports Night 5.30pm
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
Monday	December 7 th	Foundation/Discovery Centre Students End of Year Excursion
Tuesday	December 8 th	Orientation Day – All students
Thursday	December 17 th	Last day Term Four for students
Friday	December 18 th	Last day Term Four for staff